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Borough Council To Hear PHS Parking Solutions At June Council Meeting

Alternative solutions to the lack of student parking at Princeton High School will be presented to Borough Council in early June, Councilwoman Wendy Benchley said in a recent interview.

"What we're doing right now is meeting with some of the parents [to discuss the issue]," said Ms. Benchley, who is heading an ad hoc committee to find answers.

Originally intending to present its parking solutions to Council in April, the committee has requested an extension to gather more information, said Ms. Benchley.

The committee was formed after a group of five Princeton High School students came before Council at the end of February to voice concerns over the lack of parking for students during construction at the high school. According to the students, a high level of ticketing on Moore and Houghton streets commenced shortly after construction began.

According to Borough Police, 1,549 parking tickets were issued in the Borough in December 2003. That increased drastically to 3,198 in February, and to 3,426 in March.

"I certainly know that there was a huge difference in ticketing around the high school ... after January 1," said Anne Burns, president of the School Board.

Ms. Burns, who recently met with the ad hoc committee, said she has been receiving numerous phone calls from parents and students about parking problems since the start of construction. She said that the committee is working with area representatives to come up with a solution to the problem.

"I think we're coming up with some solutions," said Ms. Burns. "They will involve compromises, though."

While parking at the high school has been an ongoing problem, it increased with the onset of expansion and renovation in December. A 100-space faculty parking lot was removed at the high school, and replaced by a temporary lot at John Witherspoon Middle School.

Rather than use the designated lot, many high school faculty members

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New Board President Looks to Year Ahead

Finishing construction, finding solutions to high school parking problems, and hiring a new superintendent will be the main issues new School Board President Anne Burns intends to tackle in the upcoming school year in the Princeton Regional School District.

"It's going to be a busy year. We have enough on our plate," said Ms. Burns, listing teacher contract negotiations next January as another large concern.

The 14-year Township resident has been a member of the School Board since 2000, serving as its vice president for the last two years. At the Board's April 27 reorganization meeting, Ms. Burns and Charlotte Bialek, the former Board president, switched roles. Ms. Burns will now serve as president, while Ms. Bialek will become the Board's vice president.

In regard to construction, Ms. Burns said a high priority is making sure that schools open on time this year, after the district had a delayed opening last year due to construction.

"I want the elementary schools to look spectacular in September so that teachers have time to get their

classrooms together," she said. "We don't want a repeat of last year. That's a huge priority."

Last Tuesday she and other members of the Board had the opportunity to walk through John Witherspoon and see what progress has been made on its new academic wing, which should be complete before September.

"You can really see how wonderful the space is ... It was really very exciting," she said.

Born in Wayne, Ms. Burns graduated from Penn State University

with a degree in journalism. She wrote for the school's newspaper, The Collegian, however, her career went in another direction once school was over. Starting with a career in public relations for a hospital, she eventually wound up working for Gov. Brendan T. Byrne, writing speeches and press releases. Once she became pregnant with her first daughter in 1980, Ms. Burns left her job and began volunteering.

The mother of five children, Ms. Burns' two daughters, 21 and 19,

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Mike's Tavern Location is Re-Zoned; New Jazz Bar May Be Built on the Site

Mike's Tavern, the 84-year-old pub on the corner of Route 206 and Birch Avenue, has been re-zoned, potentially making way for what could be a new jazz bar.

Township resident Stephen Distler, the owner of both Mike's Tavern and a neighboring residence on Birch Avenue, was granted a use variance to open such a club. If the plan makes it through the remaining stages of the building approval process, both current structures would

be demolished to make way for the club. Plans include 150 dining seats and bar seats, in a building in between 6,000 and 7,000 square feet, Mr. Distler said.

Mr. Distler is said to be working with Princeton architect Terence Smith, who is locally known for designing Triumph Brewery on Nassau Street.

Before receiving use approval from the Princeton Township

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COME ALL YE LADS AND LASSIES: Decorated with flowers and streamers, a Maypole stands encircled by dancers at a May Day celebration on Palmer Square on Saturday. The countryside tradition that celebrates the coming of summer was performed by members of the audience along with the Millstone River Morris dance team. Terrific weather accompanied the event, which included Morris dancing and other entertainment.

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"It is day to day," he said. "We continue to be hopeful that it will be open in a few days."

Construction workers are currently completing the testing of all of the electronic equipment, and finishing the installation of the security monitors, said Mr. Bruschi. One other item that is holding back the opening of the garage is the installation of the elevator, he said.

Workers were paving the Wiggins Street garage entrance on Tuesday, and expected to complete the paving within a day or two, said the administrator.

Lower levels of the garage will be used for short-term parking, under a time limit of three hours or less. Patrons will be able to park in the garage for up to a half hour for free. Library patrons will also be able to park at the new garage and validate up to two hours of parking through the use of a validation machine in the library.

The new garage's daily rates from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. are \$1 per hour for up to four hours, and \$1.50 per hour thereafter. Overnight rates from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. are 25 cents for every two hours parked, or

\$1.50 to park for the entire night.

Overnight rates will also be in effect on Sundays and holidays, which include New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

The Princeton Public Library officially opened its doors on Saturday, April 24, and began running on a regular operating schedule on Friday, April 30.

On Monday the library had an abbreviated schedule from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., as the building contractor was completing work on the service desks. The library also had a problem with air conditioning on Saturday, which was fixed within approximately three hours.

Library operating hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

The library is also planning an opening celebration for Saturday, May 15, with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 9:30 a.m.

Tim Quinn, public information director for the library, said that everything is running smoothly now that the library has been open for more than a week.

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ORGANICALLY-GROWN IDEALS: Honey Brook Organic Farmer Jim Kinsel and Farm Planner Sheri Dudas look over their crops in a greenhouse at their farm in Pennington. The couple heads up one of the oldest operating organic farms in New Jersey.

(Photo by George Vogel)

Honey Brook Organic Farm Seeks To Create a 'Viable Agriculture'

With a vast portion of Mercer County's 228 square-miles subject to growth and development, it is more and more difficult to find visible signs that this area was once a haven for farmers and the agriculture industry.

The 830-acre Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Reserve in Pennington is one of the most environmentally-sensitive geologic landscapes in the state. With woodland and fields along Stony and Honey Brooks, the reserve feels like it is one of the few places that has yet to be affected by encroaching development.

The Honey Brook Organic Farm takes up about 90 acres of the reserve, with 65 acres involved in actual crop production. Established in 1984, Honey Brook is one of the two oldest operating organic farms in the state. Not only does it practice the ways of the agricultural origins of the region, it recognizes that those practices have become increasingly industrialized and works to offer something different for its patrons and the community at large.

"The farming industry was really leaving out a lot of things," said farmer and manager Jim Kinsel. "Agriculture is kind of in shambles, and God knows with what the country is doing, the future looks even worse," he added.

Mr. Kinsel, who runs the farm with Sheri Dudas, targeted mainstream agricultural methods as practices that cannot be sustained for long by our current environmental constraints. The primary emphasis of the organic farm, he said, is largely on the soil, which is seen in industrial farming as simply a cradle for vegetation. Mr. Kinsel and Ms. Dudas, who have been a couple for seven years, take pride in their method of farming.

"For some organic growers, the crop is almost a side effect," Mr. Kinsel said. "A truly healthy plant is one that isn't doped up on chemical fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides."

"In organic farming, it takes a fundamentally different approach to growing crops," he said. "You tend to work with nature instead of against it. It's almost a cliché, but it

pretty much sums things up."

Mr. Kinsel and farmer Jeff Schaczenski founded the farm's Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program in

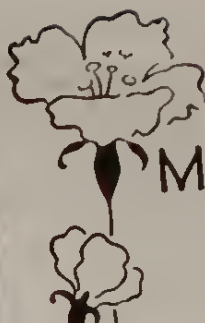
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1991. Initially launched with 50 members, Mr. Kinsel quickly doubled membership and farm acreage in 1992, after Mr. Schaczenski left to raise a family.

Being single at the time, Mr. Kinsel was able to fully devote his energy to establishing a self-sustaining agricultural community. It was a stark change of pace for him, as he had previously worked in the actuary department at Prudential in Newark.

"One day, on his train ride, he figured he wanted to do something more meaningful," said Ms. Dudas, who joined

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the farm as its planner in 2002. A Rutgers University alumnus, Mr. Kinsel went to study at Cook College for organic farming and began apprenticing at several area farms.

Ms. Dudas had previously worked for the state Green Acres program and helped develop their agricultural preservation plan. She subsequently ran Green Acres' Right to Farm program, which sought to solve conflicts between farmers and their neighbors or municipalities.

"I was increasingly finding myself in the office more at my old job, and I really like to do field work," she said. "So this was perfect."

With no country store for the casual buyer, Honey Brook is committed to providing affordable, high-quality produce for its members, Ms. Dudas said.

Further, working at a smaller scale than a more mainstream farm, Mr. Kinsel and his workers take steps to avoid crop disease and other problems that can diminish the yield of a harvest.

"You attempt to prevent problems rather than attacking them once they arise," Mr. Kinsel said. One of the keys to preventing problems, he added, is to rotate crops, an agricultural practice that is virtually unseen in traditional farming practices. In rotation, crops are moved around spatially through the fields from year to year. The method lessens the chances of insect and disease problems by providing insects the same plant year after year.

This practice increases the

number of crops that the farm is able to grow, and is in direct concert with the goals of the CSA.

"The CSA is a kind of co-op, there's a more direct connection between the consumer and a farm," he said. "We are trying to provide for the widest range of crop needs of our membership."

The farm specializes mainly in vegetables and small fruit. Within that set of crops, which include arugula, beets, basil, bok choy, zucchini, eggplant, and tomatoes, Mr. Kinsel said that there is enough variety to keep members involved.

"I think diversity is really the key, we try to do as many different things as we can," he added.

Honey Brook also provides produce to several area caterers and restaurants including Masala Grill on Chambers Street and the Brothers Moon in Hopewell.

Ms. Dudas said she is encouraged that local enterprises are committed to local farming, even though there are easier outlets through which to get produce, and the farm does not make deliveries to contributing caterers and restaurants.

"It's hard for businesses to get out of that [corporate

food] loop, and we know that it's not easy," she said.

Keeping local businesses feeding into the local economy is paramount, Mr. Kinsel said.

"CSA was an effort to allow consumers to short circuit the existing market path and to get more directly involved with a local farm," he said. While it involves more commitment, and a recognition that there are natural patterns of regional agriculture, membership continues to increase, he added, and those members appreciate the importance of the farm's brand of agriculture.

"Civilization starts with the soil," he said, opening the door for Ms. Dudas to add that "culture starts with agriculture."

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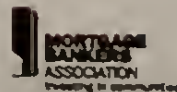
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The guilt trip. Mothers are often the best at it. They feel that they work too hard and don't get enough in return. But perhaps they're right. They probably don't get the appreciation they deserve as they try to juggle a family, and in many cases a career.

There is a rising trend in the U.S. where women are quickly becoming a leading demographic in small-business ownership. The U.S. Small Business Administration reported two weeks ago that there has been a 14 percent increase in the number of SBA loans approved to women between

October 2003 and March of this year.

SBA New Jersey District Director James Kosci said that his office approved 165 loans to women-owned small businesses totalling in \$26.3 million, a figure that is up from last year's 145 loans granted.

"My day is full, it's either the work or the kids, and it stretches into the evening," said Robin Resch, who owns her own photography studio on Nassau Street. Ms. Resch, a single parent of children ages six and 10, said that when she is not physically at work, she is usually working

at home and simultaneously taking care of her kids.

"I'm just constantly working on things, even when my children are home, and they help me work on things," she said.

Ms. Resch initially came to Princeton to pursue and complete a master's in architecture at the University, but she quickly realized that being a single-mother and a full-time architect would be too demanding and time-consuming. She suspected she would probably end up working for a Manhattan firm, hence compromising family time.

"I knew all along that it would be difficult to work as an architect full-time and be the mother I need to be to my kids," she said.

Proximity to home was one element on which all the mothers agreed was instrumental to running their businesses. They all work within miles of their homes or their children's schools. Obviously, this is not the case for many parents, who undertake the long haul into the city daily for their jobs and also care for their families. But for these small-business owning mothers, closer is definitely better.

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With two businesses going strong, and possibly a third on the way, Ms. Mazzone, a single mother with a 7-year-old son and a 17-year-old daughter, said that as her businesses grow, she has been able to assemble a "support staff" that enables her to pick her kids up from school. As the business has expanded, she has hired additional people to man the store, leaving her with more time for the family — a freedom for which she is grateful, and one she recognizes is not doable for most mothers.

Scheduling is still difficult, she said.

"I still feel like a scatterbrain a lot, where I feel like I've totally forgotten something," she said. "I try to volunteer a

lot at my son's school, and the other day I asked one of the other moms when one of our meetings was and she said: 'It was three days ago'."

"I would love to be able to say that I'm where I'm supposed to be when I'm supposed to be, but it doesn't happen that way," she said with a grin. "It never will, and you just have to juggle."

"It's a juggling act," agreed Paige Petersen, owner of the clothing store Rouge on Witherspoon Street. "There's never a time when I'm not running to the parking garage to drive home. There's never a free moment, and somehow you have to just manage," she said. "But I'm not sure how," she said with a half-grin indicating that she was being both facetious and dead serious.

Also a single mother, Ms. Petersen spoke of the support to which Ms. Mazzone had referred. "I have great people working for me and I have a great support system."

With her 15-year-old daughter away at prep school, there is not as much support to look after her autistic 13-year-old son as there used to be. Now, she has to carve out more time for her family.

"It's not like your normal 13-year-old getting off the bus: you have to be there," she said. She said that she is lucky to have babysitters and her boyfriend to help her at home.

Having not worked outside the home for more than a decade before opening Rouge two years ago, Ms. Petersen said the transition from home life to professional life was difficult.

"I was home with my kids and wanted to be home with

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All About Mom

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my kids," she said, adding that starting the business was different and important because she could be her own boss, and could be flexible.

But not to worry, she said, "because it's all about women and our ability to multi-task."

Fifteen of this year's Small Business Administration loans were granted for hair salons, a business venture with which Kate Bricker at BB Hair Salon on Route 206 is familiar. Ms. Bricker and her husband, Tim, own the salon, and they are both stylists there. However, Ms. Bricker's professional career has changed somewhat since having her first child, a baby girl, 10 weeks ago.

"It's awesome, because I absolutely love kids and I love what I do, so to add a child to my life is amazing," she said.

Having just started coming back to work, the Brickers are still getting used to having their own business and family. Ms. Bricker added that she is "lucky" to be able to work

part time for now while getting acclimated to family life.

"The baby is smiling and laughing and I'm only working 20 hours a week. So it's enough to do what I love [at work] and then go home to my baby," she said.

Ms. Bricker is another mother who recognizes that she is fortunate to work near her family.

"My whole life is right here, and I look at a lot of other working women in awe," she said. "My hat's off to them."

"There are so many moms who do so much and it's just amazing," she added.

So yes, it is amazing, and perhaps moms are not necessarily trying to impose guilt, but make us appreciative of the work that's involved in being a good parent. It's not too much to ask of the rest of us that one day out of the year we express our love and thanks. Happy Mother's Day, Mom.

—Matthew Hersh

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Bowman's Hill Introduces Summer Camp Program

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve will host its first weeklong summer nature camp for children entering 2nd to 4th grade. The camp will be held Monday, July 19, through Friday, July 23, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The camp, called "Nature by the Yard," will plan a different nature theme every day and kids will discover the habitats, native plants, animals and insects that make Bowman's Hill special. Games, hikes, stories and crafts will be included.

Bowman's Hill is a 100-acre preserve featuring many native plants and animal species among its trails, woodlands, meadows, a pond, and Pidcock Creek.

The camping fee for non-members is \$180 and, for members \$160. Pre-registration is required by calling (215) 862-2924.

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Watershed Offers Programs For Teachers, Preschoolers

The Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association is offering "Project Learning Tree," a workshop for teachers of grades K-8 on Tuesday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will be one of a series of educator workshops held throughout the school year.

"Project Learning Tree" is an interdisciplinary environmental educational program that uses the outdoors as a classroom. Teachers and students enter the forest, developing awareness, knowledge and skills related to under-

standing renewable and non-renewable resources. This program includes an activity guide emphasizing student interaction with the natural and social environment. The fee of \$15 includes the activity guide. Pre-registration is required by May 11 and enrollment is limited.

"Spring of Life," a program for preschool children aged 3 to 5, will also be offered on May 11, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. It will be repeated on Wednesday, May 12, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. An adult must accompany three-year-olds. Participants will hike through Watershed trails looking for new life as it emerges this spring: new trees, new flowers, new babies. Pre-registration is required by the date of the program and enrollment is limited. The fee is \$6 for Watershed members and \$9 for non-members.

A "Tiny Tot Walk" for children aged 18-36 months will be held at the Watershed on Friday, May 14, from 10 to 11 a.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult and must, of course, be walking. Pam Newitt, mother and naturalist, will lead the toddlers on an exploration of the natural world. Pre-registration is required by May 14.

All programs will take place at the Buttinger Nature Center on Titus Mill Road in Hopewell Township. For more information or to register, call the Center at (609) 737-7592.

Students Organize Walk For Open Space

Thirteen students from the Environmental Action Club at Princeton Day School are organizing the second Mercer County Walk For Open Space, which will take place Sunday, May 16, at 1 p.m., at Rosedale Park in Hopewell.

Walkers will be sponsored with donated funds and can choose any of the following organizations to receive their contributions: the Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association, the Delaware and Raritan Greenway, the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, and Princeton Day School's Coventry Farm Fund to help pay for the school's contribution to open space in their purchase of 11 acres of Coventry Farm.

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Stormwater Mandates Will Require New Practices for Municipalities

In February, new state-mandated stormwater regulations went into effect that are viewed by many as the most sweeping effort in 20 years to protect water quality and preserve drinking water supplies. While all 566 municipalities in the state need to follow these rules, compliance for some is more difficult than for others.

"I think for the first time, the Township is ahead of the Borough," quipped Borough Engineer Carl Peters, saying that the Borough's stormwater regulations have been "rather meager" up to this point.

However, he said that the state codes will give the opportunity for the Borough to create laws that are flush with those in the Township.

Speaking at a community meeting last Thursday at Township Hall, Mr. Peters also expressed concern for the "lack of control" to date regarding the increase in impervious surfaces for one- and two-family dwellings.

"We found that as more people are building larger houses and paving larger areas for more cars, we have more neighborhood squabbles because one person has dumped their runoff on to their adjacent neighbor," he said.

He added that the new rules also require monthly sweeping of curbed streets with a speed limit equal to or less than 35 m.p.h., a practice that is already implemented in the Township. Mr. Peters said that the Borough's street sweeping program needs to "step up" to the levels at which it was prior to being reduced due to residents' complaints regarding the noise of the sweepers.

Princeton Township officials said that in anticipating requirements handed down from Trenton, the municipality already has laws in the books for much of what the new rules dictate. In establishing design and performance standards for new development, the Township already has set requirements for extension detention basins and limits on amount of impervious surfaces of new developments.

"Princeton Township is one of the originators of stormwater quality standards," said Stormwater Management Consulting (SWM) president Joseph Skupien. SWM is a Ringoes-based consulting firm that has worked with Princeton Township on flood issues.

Township Engineer Robert Kiser said that the new rules have already been taken into consideration for Elm Court and Hovnanian's Bunn Drive senior housing construction plans.

The regulations, which have long been anticipated by municipal officials, are widely viewed as necessary, albeit costly, laws to which towns must adhere.

"Stormwater management is no longer an afterthought," said Mr. Skupien. "The stormwater management rules now establish what the standards are for development."

A major component is to minimize the impact of new development projects by controlling development within a 300-foot buffer around more than 6,000 miles of high-quality waterways.

This applies only to areas that have what are called "C1" waterbodies — the highest level of water quality protection in the state. While neither Princeton Borough or Township feature this classification of waterway at the moment,

the state is looking to determine whether Lake Carnegie qualifies as a C1. If it does, areas in both Princetons and Plainsboro will have to rethink how development can occur.

Mr. Skupien said that the new rules establish standards that govern how municipalities design and build land development projects, and also for the stormwater management measures that those projects will now be forced to implement.

The state stormwater program governs how municipalities will plan for, regulate, and review new development with respect to stormwater, said George Hawkins, executive director of Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, adding that towns are also required to comply with the new permits that control how they design and maintain municipal storm systems.

The mandates also require municipalities to create ordinances to dictate maintenance and safety standards to reflect the new state requirements.

The rules help increase the "recharge" of fresh water into underground aquifers, decrease the amount of pollutants that flow into the water supplies from construction sites, new developments, public complexes, and transportation agencies, Mr. Hawkins said.

"I'm tremendously excited, I must say," said Mr. Hawkins. "These rules represent a nirvana for organizations like mine."

Mr. Hawkins added that the rules aim to decrease the "ferocity" of storm surges that cause flooding which, in turn, can erode stream banks.

In March, Princeton Township held a meeting that addressed flooding concerns that involved many of the same principals as last Thursday's meeting. The presentation was set to outline steps on how to improve conditions for homes that fall in the Township's various floodplains.

With budget concerns in both the Borough and Township, however, the Borough's Mr. Peters said "something would have to give" to facilitate the execution of the new rules. The state rules allow for municipalities to create mitigation plans if they cannot be carried out as dictated. If towns cannot manage a mandate, "it needs to be made up in some fashion," SWM's Mr. Skupien said.

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Family Guidance Wants More Funding For Mental Health

The Family Guidance Center is celebrating "May is Mental Health Month" by calling on state and local government to provide the level of funding it promised to the community mental health system. According to Family Guidance's Executive Director Mark Lamar, sufficient funding is essential if community mental health agencies are to continue adequately serving people with mental illness.

"Forty years ago, this country made the wise decision to move people with mental illness out of antiquated psychiatric institutions and into community-based services," said Mr. Lamar, noting that decades of underfunding have impeded the ability of agencies to provide the services demanded by spiraling operational costs, as well as their ability to recruit and retain qualified staff at competitive salaries: "Lack of adequate services can lead to homelessness, imprisonment, substance abuse, suicide, shattered lives and crumbling families."

Community care agencies providing services through contracts with the state, like the Family Guidance Center, have received a total increase of less than 6 per cent over the last five years, with no increased funding last year. During the same time period, insurance, transportation and medical costs have skyrocketed along with a dramatic increase in the demand for services. State employee contract raises during that period totaled 14 percent. As a result, community treatment providers must pay wages as much as 30 percent lower than those for identical positions in state government.

Family Guidance Center is calling for a 4 percent increase in contracts to allow for salary increases and to cover the cost of doing business.

Mental Health Month was founded in 1949 by the National Mental Health Association. This year's theme, "Mental Health Matters in Your Life," reinforces the message that people should care for their minds as well as their bodies.

Headquartered in Princeton, Family Guidance Center provides care to over 7,000 residents of central New Jersey each year. For information call (609) 924-1320.

New Farm Market Opens in Kingston

The Kingston Farm Market has announced its grand opening set for Saturday, May 8, with seasonal, locally grown vegetables from Princeton's Catalpa Farms.

The market, which will be located at 4428 B Route 27 in Kingston, will include traditional fruits and vegetables, homemade pies, and farmers' brown eggs.

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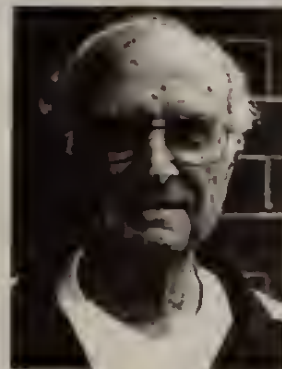
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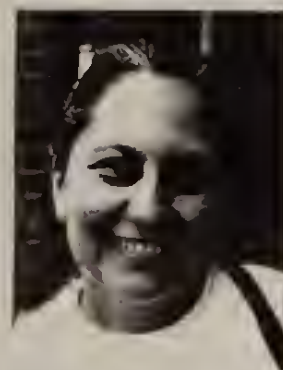
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— Catherine Pietropaolo, Palmer Square



"Yes it is beautiful and I'll be using it all of the time."
— Meredith Pelkey, South Tulane Street



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— Richard Holstein, Ewing Street



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— Irina Wong, Nassau Street



THE LITTLE STREET THAT COULD: Laurel Circle by day. In the wee hours of Saturday, April 25, this block was the scene of an emergency operation that did credit to Township police, the fire department, the Rescue Service, PSE&G, and the residents themselves. 11-7756

A Hard Day's Night Gone Right: Laurel Circle Makes History

Thanks to a gas leak, Laurel the street provided a tempo- and two firemen entered Circle now has the unique dis- rary refuge but they were Ellen's house through a dining tinction of being the first and soon, in Miranda's words, room window. only neighborhood in the his- "shepherded" along the path to the circle at the end of Lau- rel Road, so that the EMS ambulance could pick them up, Laurel Circle being by then closed to all except emer- gency traffic.

There have been single fam- ily evacuations but never an instance where a whole block had to be packed into EMS ambulances and driven to Township Hall to spend the better part of the night.

At first things did not look good. PSE&G said the whole street might have to be ripped up. Were the residents in dis- tress? Surly? Sulky? Full of complaints, fear and trembling?

"It was like a pajama party," Sgt. Reed said, confirming the opinion of most of those who were in the main Meeting Room at Township Hall from around 1:30 to 4 a.m. on Community eve.

Meeting the Neighbors

Laurel Circle's better known and more accessible other half, Laurel Road, also ends in a circle, but the Laurel Circle whose residents were spirited away in the middle of the night cannot be reached by car from Laurel Road. The only access available to the police cars, fire trucks, EMS ambulances, and PSE&G trucks that arrived there in the early hours that Saturday was from Ewing Street.

Cozy and self-contained, Laurel Circle is perfectly set up for block parties. The last such event, however, was in early July 2002. Ellen Saxon had hosted it and had been talking about organizing another one to introduce the street to her new next-door neighbors, Frank and Miranda. (In keeping with the neighborly spirit of the night's events, this account will use first names when at all possible.) As it turned out, Frank and Miranda were introduced to the neighborhood in dramatic fashion when their external gas meter pipe ruptured.

There was no time to dress for the occasion. They and their children, Sara and Stefan, met the neighbors in robes, slippers, and pajamas. Though it was a chilly, drizzly night and not everyone had had time to bundle up, people were in good spirits.

A house at the bottom of

According to Miranda and others, the young EMS volun- teers were extremely person- able and very good with the children.

At first, the seriousness of the emergency overshadowed the social element, what with fire trucks idling, red lights flashing, and police rushing from door to door to alert residents to evacuate their homes immediately. The hissing of gas escaping from the broken pipe was so loud it could be heard up and down the block. It was "a very loud and dramatic steam-engine sound," according to Ellen, who was actually the last person on the street to hear it and the last person to arrive at Township Hall.

Rhino Ponder was watching television when he heard the sound of the gas and assumed right away that something was seriously wrong. Rhino's wife, former Township mayor Michele Tuck-Ponder, was asleep. But not for long. Soon police cars were on the street, since Frank and Miranda had called 911. Miranda was surprised to learn, later, that her neighbor Michele had not only been suggested that the children should have a mayor. Harrison Singer assumed the office and got to sit in the big chair at the conference table with his council of toddlers and preschoolers, who eventually took positions on the floor, particularly after the movies began. The new facilities available included a multi-media station with a big screen that could be lowered from the ceiling. Unfortunately none of the officers or adults present knew how to bring it down.

Rescuing Ellen

Soon after the Laurel Circle refugees had settled into the comfortable movie-theatre-style seats in the Township Council's main Meeting Room that also doubles as a courtroom, they realized someone was missing. "Where's Ellen?" they wondered. Apparently the emergency crew had decided she must not be home since there had been no response when they rang the door bell, nor when a neighbor tried telephoning.

Marion and Doreen and Leslie were sure they had seen her that day and that her car was still in the driveway. After a consultation, Doreen informed Sgt. Reed, he notified the people on the scene,

What finally woke Ellen up was the sound of the firemen coming up her stairs, and when she opened her eyes there they were, towering in their big coats on the threshold of her bedroom. "I didn't have time to be frightened," she said. "I thought I might be dreaming. I knew it was all right, though, because as they were coming up the stairs, one of them had called out very politely, 'Mrs. Saxon' and told me there was a gas leak in the neighborhood and that I had to leave the house right away."

While the firemen turned their backs, Ellen hurried into a robe and slippers. When she arrived in the big theatre-like room at the Township Hall, her neighbors cheered. "Ellen! She's here!" "Where've you been, girl?"

It was Ellen who first spoke of it as a pajama party. "It really was like that," she said. "We reminisced and told stories and had an extremely friendly, neighborly visit. The kids were all having a great time. The police, and everyone involved, were incredibly kind and organized in looking after us and keeping us posted about the progress of the repair crews."

Children, Dogs, and Jade

They were ready for the kids at Township Hall. Sgt. Reed suggested that the children should have a mayor. Harrison Singer assumed the office and got to sit in the big chair at the conference table with his council of toddlers and preschoolers, who eventually took positions on the floor, particularly after the movies began. The new facilities available included a multi-media station with a big screen that could be lowered from the ceiling. Unfortunately none of the officers or adults present knew how to bring it down.

Ever the thoughtful host, Sgt. Reed called the department's technology expert at 2 in the morning and found out how to lower the screen. A Muppets movie was shown and snacks were available from vending machines. Asked if the kids were well behaved, Sgt. Reed had nothing but kind words for them, and for the adults — and everyone present had high praise for him.

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Laurel Circle Evacuation

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The only exits from the meeting room were three dogs and their three male owners, Chris, Ed, and Dirk, who had to wait out the hours in a less comfortable garage area called the sally port, which the dictionary defines as "a gate or passage in a fortified place." Sgt. Reed defines it as the place where squad cars unload prisoners. Except for the occasional resumption of a perennial backyard dialogue between Chris's dog Kira and Dirk's pug Cosmo, the animals adjusted pretty well to the situation. During the course of the night, wives came down to report on the goings-on upstairs.

The lone cat who made the trip was Julie's 13-year-old tortoise shell Jade, who clung to a fireman while Julie's 4-year-old daughter Leah was clinging to her. Jade eventually allowed herself to be disengaged from her protector and put into a carrier.

"It really was a bonding experience for everyone," said Leslie. Laurel Circle newcom-

ers Frank and Miranda agreed that the block-party aspect of the situation gave them a chance to become acquainted with people on the street they had not yet met. It also made everyone appreciate the way the police and fire department and EMS volunteers handled the crisis. And it was a wake-up call for residents using gas.

The emergency technicians made sure everything was in order before they let the night owls back into their nests. Next day an assiduous follow-up involved repeated checkings of all meters and pipes on the block. PSE&G have a plan that started a year ago to check all of Princeton for potential defects, to prioritize the level of problems, and to correct them before another incident like this occurs.

—Stuart Mitchner

New Series Features Music Enrichment

Former Princeton Public Library children's librarian, Cynthia Cordes, is teaching a new music enrichment pro-

gram for young children at the Montgomery Center for the Arts in Skillman.

The Friday morning program includes "Itsy Bitsy Baby Time," a class for three to 18-month-olds, held from 10 - 10:45 a.m.; "Toddler Time," for children 18 to 36 months, from 11 - 11:45 a.m.; and "Musical Magical Storytime," for children 36 months to 5 years, from 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.

The sessions, which run through Friday, May 14, include age-specific songs, stories and gentle activities for the youngest children and their caregivers.

Ms. Cordes, known affectionately as Cindy Lou, is a children's musician, singer, songwriter and teacher. She formerly worked for 15 years as a children's librarian, and for the past five years at Princeton Public Library. She also teaches at the Jewish Center of Princeton and the Arts Council of Princeton.

For more information, call (609) 921-3272 or (609) 895-0292, or e-mail ileks@yahoo.com.

Local Fare

from Princeton's kitchens

Sandy Gulliland
Whole Earth Center Cashier
Vegetable Cobbler

As we look forward to the coming season's harvest and lighter summer fare, this recipe bids a fond farewell to the bounty of fall and to winter's hearty root vegetables. This one-dish meal is perfect for a late spring dinner — especially a cool or rainy evening. For the best results, use organic ingredients.

serves 6

- 1 turnip, peeled and diced
- 1 russet potato, peeled and diced
- 1 celery root, peeled and diced
- 1 onion, peeled and coarsely chopped
- 3 carrots, peeled and sliced
- ½ cup chopped organic parsley
- 1 cup chicken or vegetable broth
- 1 tblsp cornstarch
- 1 tsp salt
- 4 tblsp sweet butter
- Black pepper to taste

For the Topping:

- 1¾ cups all-purpose, unbleached flour
- 1 tblsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 6 tblsp cold, sweet butter, cut into pieces
- ¾ cup buttermilk



1. Preheat oven to 325°F.
2. Place vegetables in a shallow, 3-quart baking dish. Blend broth with cornstarch in a small mixing bowl. Pour mixture over vegetables, mix well, and season with salt and pepper. Dot the top of the vegetables with butter.
3. To make the Topping, mix flour, baking powder, and salt in a large mixing bowl. Stir with a fork to blend. Put pieces of cold butter into flour mixture and, using your fingertips, rub butter and flour together quickly until dough resembles coarse crumbs. Slowly stir in the buttermilk until roughly mixed. Gather dough into a ball and knead 5 to 6 times. Place dough on a lightly floured surface and roll out until it is about the size of the baking dish and about ¼ inch thick. Place dough on top of vegetables and prick all over with fork or tip of sharp knife. Bake until vegetables are thoroughly cooked and crust is lightly browned, about 55 to 65 minutes. Serve hot.

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SEARCHING FOR PEACE: Nepal native Pushkar Shah is travelling around the world on his loaded-down bike to promote peace throughout the world. He stopped in Princeton on April 30 on his way to New York City.

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Around the World in 11 Years: Nepal Native Calls for Peace

From the foothills of the Himalayas, to the islands of Fiji, to the sandy deserts of Arizona, Nepal native Pushkar Shah is on a mission to travel to 150 countries in 11 years, promoting peace around the world. And he intends to ride his bike the whole way.

Mr. Shah, 36, has already been on his journey for six years and seen 60 countries along the way. These include 22 Asian countries, 14 Caribbean countries, New Zealand, and countries in South and Central America.

Mr. Shah stopped at Borough Hall in Princeton on Friday, April 30, after visiting Vermont. Once he visits New York City for his second time, he will travel to Philadelphia, Baltimore, and parts of the Midwest and West Coast. Afterwards he will leave for Africa.

Once he completes his journey in 2009, Mr. Shah will climb Mount Everest, located near his hometown in Nepal. He will take with him the flags he has gathered from every country he has visited to represent the unity of all countries of the world.

Mr. Shah is following the mission of his father, who was on a peacekeeping mission in 1986 when he was killed by terrorists.

"As a young man, I experienced first-hand what it is like to lose a loved one to senseless violence," said Mr. Shah.

Mr. Shah became involved in the 1990 peoples movement for democracy while studying at the University in Kathmandu. It was then he realized that the movement wasn't enough to keep peace alive.

"I was arrested, beaten, and

tortured many times by the police during that time and on one occasion, was shot in the hand," said Mr. Shah. "After that incident ... I began to think about what I could do to make a difference."

Mr. Shah said he felt riding his bike and meeting people face to face would be the best way to convey his message of peace: "I felt that this would be the best way to go everywhere. Door to door, step by step, talking to people about world peace and global unity."

World Traveler

The traveler has had quite an adventure, which he has recorded in journals and published on his website, www.pushkarshah.com. He also said he intends to write a book of his journey once his travels are complete.

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With no official sponsors, Mr. Shah said that most days he must rely on the kindness of others for food and shelter: "I usually live day-to-day and hand-to-mouth, with a very small cash reserve for an unforeseen emergency. Sometimes I am offered complimentary food, lodging, or other opportunities which I graciously accept. At other times, I am looking for a safe place to pitch my tent, and there have been times when I don't know how or when I will be able to get my next meal."

Mr. Shah was well received at Borough Hall, where he received donations to continue his journey.

Among his many travels, Mr. Shah stayed for a month

in New York City in 2001. However that month happened to surround September 11th. In his journal he wrote about the events that took place that day and the days following it.

"During my one-month stay in the city victimized by terrorism, I saw and learned a lot inspiring me to continue my search for peace," he wrote.

Ironically, Mr. Shah had intended to visit the World Trade Center the day the terrorist attacks took place.

A New Mission

While travelling the world, Mr. Shah has discovered a new mission to promote, one that was started by his native people. The Himalayan Cataract Project (HCP) has a mission to eradicate preventable

and curable blindness in the Himalayas.

Just last month, Mr. Shah revisited Vermont to meet with people associated with this project and find out how he can help assist the group. He is now revisiting various parts of the world to spread his new message, and will participate in a charity bike ride from New York to California to benefit HCP.

"I am now not only spreading the message of peace around the world, but also serving as a goodwill ambassador for the Himalayan Cataract Project," said Mr. Shah.

HCP is establishing sustainable eye care in Nepal, Tibet, China, Bhutan, India, Sikkim, West Bengal, and Pakistan. Started in 1994, the program has now restored eyesight to

thousands of blind people, according to its website, www.cureblindness.org.

"Nepal is now the first country in the region in which the rate of cataract operations each year surpasses the number of new cases," said Mr. Shah.

Mr. Shah said that the one thing he definitely has learned on his journey is that plans change, and one must always be prepared for the unexpected. But despite what obstacles may fall in his way, he will continue to promote his message.

"Despite all the twists and turns and bumps in the proverbial road, the goal of my journey remains unchanged. I continue, in the best way I am able, to spread the message of

peace and to promote my beloved country of Nepal," he said.

—Candace Braun

Local Bake Sale To Help MoveOn

A Have Your Cake & Beat Bush II Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Tiger Park, the small park in Palmer Square that faces Nassau Street.

Brownies, cookies and cakes will be available, along with lemonade, juice or water. People who want to register to vote can do so at the sale.

The bake sale is being held in response to an e-mail plea from the grass roots organization MoveOn, which will use the proceeds for ads critical of the Bush administration and to register new voters. Nationwide bake sales on April 17 raised almost \$750,000 and registered thousands of new voters.

For further information, call 924-9135 or 430-1148.

A ROOM OF ONE'S OWN: Virginia Woolf found hers through the TOWN TOPICS classifieds.



HONORING THE BARD: Dressed in Elizabethan costume, Erin Szejner, Palmer Square director of marketing, poses during Sunday's Shakespear-E-Thon, presented by the Princeton Repertory Company at Palmer Square in honor of the playwright-poet's birthday. Participant recited sonnets, performed a song or soliloquy, or read a favorite play passage.

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Budget Still Under Watchful Eye; Borough Residents Offer Solutions

Approximately 40 Borough residents attended Borough Council's meeting on Tuesday, April 27, seeking to promote their own recommendations for how the Council should manage its \$21.86 million budget predicted for 2004.

The proposed budget would increase the property tax rate in the Borough by 14 cents per \$100 of assessed property value, bringing taxes up to 86 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. If passed, the budget increase will be the largest in 25 years.

"Like an indulgent parent, you've been giving out to everyone who wants something in the Borough," said Charlotte O'Connell, a Patton Avenue resident.

Both Council members and residents said they want to see the budget for 2005 remain the same as 2004, with no increases. Borough Administrator Robert Bruschi said this would require cutting \$900,000 from the predicted budget for 2005.

Cutting Borough programs, reducing Borough staff by not filling vacancies, and increasing Borough employee health department deductibles and co-pays were ideas suggested by both the public and Council members at the meeting.

Some residents asked why Council has never looked to the community for help managing budget costs.

"[Creating a budget] is an art, and it has to be done right," said Helmut Schwab, a retired businessman and Borough resident.

Mr. Schwab said he would be willing to meet with Council privately to go over the budget and offer his own suggestions for alleviating taxpayer's costs.

Items cited as major increases by the Borough administrator include \$800,000 in debt service, and \$225,000 in costs to pay the additional staff for the new library. An increase of \$500,000 in employee health insurance, and \$316,000 in sewer costs also occurred this past year. These costs are not controlled by the Borough, said Mr. Bruschi.

University Contributions

Councilman Roger Martindell and other Council members discussed the idea of increasing parking revenues to help reduce budget costs. However, several residents said they felt that one of the main reasons that taxes are so high in the Borough is because Princeton University

doesn't contribute enough money to the municipality. This totals \$739,811 annually, or 3.3 percent of the total revenues the Borough receives.

"To discuss parking fees and ignore the gorilla across the street is an atrocity," said Eleanor Lewis.

The resident, who said she pays over \$10,000 a year in taxes, told Council to start making cuts wherever necessary to bring the budget down.

"You rarely say no to an expenditure ... You have to get tougher or you're going to bleed us dry," said Ms. Lewis.

Mr. Bruschi agreed that the University would make a significant difference in taxes if it paid them in full for the land that they occupy: "If [Princeton University] was on board, we'd literally be able to cut our taxes in half."

PILOT properties, or institutions that make payments in lieu of taxes annually, include Princeton Theological Seminary, which gives the Borough \$144,565; Princeton University, which gives \$313,354, along with various other donations; McCarter Theatre, which gives \$149,809; and an additional \$132,083, which is given by various other institu-

tions. Unlike other Ivy League schools, Princeton University pays full taxes on all residential properties owned by the school, said Pam Hersh, a Borough resident and director of community and state affairs for the University.

She defended the University by listing the many community facilities the school has given money to, such as the new Princeton Public Library and the University Medical Center at Princeton. She also reminded Council that money the Borough receives from McCarter Theatre each year is actually money given by the University.

"We try not to be a welfare case. We try to pay our fair share," said Ms. Hersh.

Council will continue the public hearing on the budget at its meeting on May 25, at which time a vote may be taken to adopt it. Council will also hold an additional budget meeting in September to go over costs for 2005.

—Candace Braun

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Ms. Obrecht is a 1991 graduate of Fairfield Community High School and a 1995 graduate of the University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana. She received her MBA from Harvard Business School in 2002.

Mr. Hingher is a 1987 graduate of Franklin High School in Somerset and a 1992 graduate of Gettysburg College. He received his MBA from the Anderson School of Business at UCLA in 1999.

Ms. Obrecht and Mr. Hingher both work in marketing at General Mills in Minneapolis, Minn.

An August 7 wedding is planned in Minneapolis.

Bearse-Crosby. Aurora Ruth Bearse, daughter of Peter Bearse of Gloucester, Mass. and Myrna Bearse of Princeton, to Ian Crosby, son of David and Maureen Crosby of Juneau, Alaska.

Ms. Bearse, who graduated from Princeton High School, is a graduate of Rutgers University, and earned a law degree from Rutgers School of Law in Newark. She was, until May, 2004, an assistant federal public defender in Houston, Texas. In June she will join a law firm in Seattle, Washington.

Mr. Crosby, a graduate of Reed College, earned a law degree from the University of Texas. He is an associate in the Seattle office of Susman Godfrey, LLP.

An April, 2005, wedding is planned. The couple will reside in Seattle.

Washington Crossing Park To Celebrate 100 Years

Experience three centuries of New Jersey history all in one place as Washington Crossing State Park in Titusville celebrates the 100th anniversary of state historic sites. A historical festival for all ages with live music, exhibits, food, historical demonstrations and crafts, dancing, and children's activities will take place on Saturday, May 8, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Resources from New Jersey's state-owned historic sites will be highlighted throughout the fair. Activities include Native American and Dutch foodways, open hearth cooking, period dancing and music, storytelling, a puppet theater, 18th and 19th-century children's games, a 19th century baseball team playing on the field, a tin-smith, weaving, and quilting.

Visitors can also try their hand at paper marbling or learn about the fine art of calligraphy. There will also be displays, lectures and videos to enjoy.

Reenactments with artillery will also take place at the fair. Children will be able to participate by performing the drills.

Walt Whitman, Gen. George Washington, Molly Pitcher and more of New Jersey's historical figures will also make their way through the fair. Visitors can get their autographs for a chance to win one of the many scavenger hunt prizes.

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The dance society was started in 2001 to promote and develop social dancing in Princeton and the greater central New Jersey area.

Advanced Salsa will offer pointers to add spice and flair to students' Salsa basics. Advanced patterns and styling aim to set students apart on the dance floor. The class will meet Thursdays, May 6, 13, 20, and 27, at 7:15 p.m.

Lindy Hop 101 will take the beginning swing dancer through a series of basic Lindy Hop moves including the swing out, sugarpush, and Lindy circle. The class will meet Thursdays, May 6, 13, 20, and 27, at 8:30 p.m.

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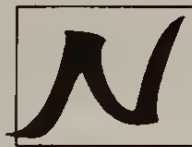
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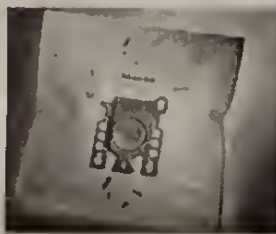


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117761 Proposed Princeton Ridge Development Would Violate Princeton Master Plan

To the Editor:

Regarding the proposal presented to the Planning Board at a concept hearing by developer K. Hovnanian, I would like to make some comments and ask two questions of the Planning Board and Township Committee.

Have all (or any) of you read the Planning Report, a critique for land use on the Princeton Ridge, prepared in October 1983 by Wallace, Roberts, and Todd, planners and landscape architects? This report substantiates the restrictions placed by the Princeton Master Plan of 1980 on building on the Ridge.

Do you have any reason to believe that these environmental constraints have disappeared since the Hovnanian proposal (or the Ridge overlays, for that matter)? In view of these restraints, I find it hard to believe that a development with buildings more massive than the new Township Municipal Complex and Library — in fact, the largest in the area — would be considered for this site.

In addition, the clear-cutting of approximately 1700 trees is not only horrendous but makes a farce of the new Township ordinance prohibiting homeowners from removing one single sizeable tree without a permit.

I am an "elder," and not a neighbor of the site, who agrees that there is a call for accommodations suitably designed for the needs of us who either must, or choose to, leave our homes. However, to my knowledge there has never been a survey done to find out how many seniors are projected to be in need of housing, what kind of housing they will need, and at what price. Hovnanian estimates that each unit in its development will cost approximately \$350,000, a figure they cannot, obviously, guarantee, and which will undoubtedly increase.

Additionally, this development does not include assisted living facilities, which is an important reason for many to move to senior housing.

It seems to me that to proceed with two large developments on the Ridge, desecrating a critically fragile environmental site for housing that probably only a few Princeton seniors will find affordable before exhausting all other possibilities — including the obvious site at the Shopping Center, already in the process of studying and planning — is premature and misguided.

PAT LIGHT
Van Dyke Road

117762 Arts Council Building's Significance Justifies Plan for Its Improvement

To the Editor:

There are two sides to every penny.

Last Sunday, while worshipping at the Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, my attention was called to a claim that the improvement plans of the Arts Council of Princeton present a detriment to my church.

I question the truth and validity of that claim. Can someone explain to me what harm would come to my church if the Arts Council improves its building?

As a member of the board of directors of the Arts Council, former chair of its Neighborhood Advisory Committee, and one who cherishes many fond memories and joyful times in the Arts Council building, I am unaware of any detriment that is presented.

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Having spent practically my entire life as a resident of Princeton's historic African-American neighborhood, I understand the passion that this issue has raised among community residents. Many do not understand that the building at 102 Witherspoon Street was the only community facility that black Princetonians were allowed to visit (besides church) to enjoy social events. The building hosted wedding receptions, numerous dances, and meetings; in fact my own "Sweet Sixteen" party was held there. There is enormous love and respect for that building in our community.

The Arts Council's efforts to improve the building are not a detriment, but a benefit to the community. It is the only organization that will spend the money to keep the building and its history alive. What would happen to that corner and our beloved building if the Arts Council moves?

Of course there are some valid concerns about parking and traffic. The Arts Council has done its best to address them. It will offer free parking to those who come to the building for drop off and pick up, reduced rates for those taking classes, and parking vouchers for teachers and others who use the building. That doesn't mean there will be no impact, but it won't be as drastic as some have claimed.

The Arts Council has played a major role in the lives of many in our community. As chair of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee, I worked with the community to raise more than \$12,000 for a young woman who needed funding for transportation and medication following her child's liver transplant. The Arts Council also provides scholarships and numerous programs for its neighbors.

We have all heard a lot about this issue, and I just wanted to take this opportunity to present the other side of the coin.

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Democratic Party Has Compromised Borough Council Primary Election

To the Editor:

In this age of partisan wrangling over election engineering and tales of ballot confusion and dangling chads, it isn't very comforting to discover that our local Democratic leadership is capable of similar feats of obfuscation.

What do you know, Princeton Borough elections have fallen into the hands of politicians! The Borough Municipal Party Chair, himself a candidate for Borough Council, and the County Democratic Chair have decided to make it harder for voters to find the names of two of the four Democratic candidates for Borough Council when we go into the voting booth for this year's primary. Those two candidates will not appear in the long column of Democratic office candidates where you would expect to see them. Instead, just two names, preferred by these politicians, will be listed with all the other federal, state and county Democratic candidates. And one of the candidates in this long column is the Borough Municipal Party Chair himself.

Our upcoming primary election has been compromised, not by partisan maneuvering but by the actions of the Democratic party itself. It seems that the party leadership has taken for granted a continued one-party representation on the Borough Council and feels that it can effectively appoint

Council representatives by manipulating the ballot.

While their ballot formula may be legal, it is also wrong. Unfortunately for the Democratic leadership, Princeton voters won't be fooled or confused. I encourage them to join me in searching the ballot for the name of Mark Freda, Democrat for Council, the candidate who will best represent us in open government.

DAVID SCHRAYER

117764 Spruce Street

Survey of Arts Council Neighborhood Finds Ways to Accommodate Expansion

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the Witherspoon Jackson Neighborhood Association in conducting an in-depth survey of issues on the proposed expansion of the Paul Robeson Building at 102 Witherspoon Street. Thoughtful and enlightening responses to 33 varied and complex questions were received from almost 200 people.

The purpose of this survey was to determine the width and depth of John Witherspoon neighborhood opinion about the many aspects of the proposed expansion. Specific areas of focus were on the zoning restrictions for this site, on the impact on the neighborhood of parking and traffic, on "good neighbor" issues, on preservation of history, and

on community participation/outreach associated with the Arts Council.

Contrary to some false or misleading reports, the focus of the survey was to find a way that The Arts Council of Princeton could remain at its current location. The survey reveals a number of ways that would lessen the negative impacts of an expansion in a district zoned for residential use, while allowing The Arts Council to fulfill its core mission and goals.

The organization's extensive effort, survey results, and supporting documentation will be discussed at an open meeting at the First Baptist Church on Saturday, May 8 at 9 a.m. All members of the Princeton community are welcome.

LEN NEWTON

Dempsey Avenue

117765

University Should Restrain Students Responsible for "Acoustic Terrorism"

To the Editor:

The eating clubs of Princeton University had beautiful weather for their House Party Weekend. What we do not understand is why the University and its president, Ms. Tilghman, allow the residents of Princeton Borough and Township to be subjected to such aural assault. Students' music of choice filled the air westward all the way to Valley Road.

Why does it fall on the shoulders of the Borough Police to field complaints and monitor the behavior of these young women and men? What are we teaching these students about consideration, good citizenship, and power?

It's not just the one weekend per year, but several occasions that give rise to such acoustic terrorism. This is outrageous and we hope the University will pay attention in the future.

JUDITH and ANDREW BUDWIG
Jefferson Road

117766

Overdue Street Repairs in Township Traced to "Unreal" Budget Priorities

To the Editor:

The fact that there is a pot hole "hot line" and a schedule of upcoming street repair in the recent Township newsletter should be encouraging, but it's not.

Our streets have become very hazardous not over one or two years, but over a decade. The problem is not street repair, but elected public servants who have priorities that seem to be unrelated to reality.

For example:

1. A deer herd that is a safety problem, but not nearly as hazardous as our streets, even if the deer were heavily armed.
2. An elaborate Township Municipal Complex that is less than 200 yards from axle-breaking pot holes on Terhune.
3. A new library budget that exceeds the budget of the old library by \$491,000. It helps address crying needs such as a room where teenagers can watch more TV.

WILLIAM STEPHENSON
Governors Lane

117767

Downtown Stores Invited to Request Flyers Promoting New Parking Garage

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Borough of Princeton, I want to thank all of the downtown merchants and business owners who came out for the Merchant Tours of the new parking garage recently. It was a terrific turnout and we appreciated everyone coming.

It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to answer questions, tour the garage, and distribute informational counter signs and promotional flyers about the new garage and Smart Card.

The downtown merchants are a vital part of our community and forging a partnership with them to get the message out about the availability and ease of parking in the downtown is very important to us.

Any merchant or business interested in getting informational counter signs and promotional flyers about the garage and Smart Card should contact me at (609) 497-7622 or at rwbruschi@princetonboro.org, and the information will be delivered to their business.

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Township's Deer Reduction Program Has Also Reduced Lyme Disease Cases

To the Editor:

Charles K. Bowman's letter (Town Topics, April 21) offers some helpful suggestions to avoid being bitten by deer ticks, but his letter is misleading about the involvement of white-tailed deer in the disease transmission.

According to Lyme Disease: A Public Information Guide, published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "a relationship appears to exist between the abundance of deer and the abundance of Ixodes ticks in the eastern United States. Reducing and managing deer populations in geographic areas where Lyme disease occurs can reduce tick abundance. Removing plants that attract deer and constructing physical barriers may help discourage tick-infested deer from coming near homes."

Clearly, Mr. Bowman's assertion that the white-footed deer mouse is most likely to bring Lyme-infected ticks in contact with human beings is not supported by information from the CDC. That is why Princeton Township's deer reduction program has produced a concomitant reduction in human Lyme disease infections.

LEWIS A. EDGE JR.
Cleveland Road West

Pedestrian Safety Ideas Sought Again By Borough Transportation Committee

To the Editor:

Disaster: the e-mail suggestions sent in by Princeton residents before March 15 about how to improve pedestrian safety in Princeton were totally erased as the result of a computer glitch. We have been trying to recover the e-mails, without success. So many of the e-mails were full of thoughtful suggestions that we want to be able to cite specific recommendations in our written report to Borough Council.

Would those of you who sent e-mails before March 15 please resend your comments to tandtcommittee@hotmail.com. We're so sorry to bother you with this.

Thanks again for your help.

SANDY SOLOMON
PHYLLIS TEITELBAUM
JOE CAPALBO

Borough Traffic and Transportation Committee

Council Candidacies of Freda, Koontz Earn Their Supporters' Endorsements

To the Editor:

I would like to express my support for Mark Freda in the upcoming Princeton Democratic primary. While I see the other members of Council as well-meaning and caring individuals, I find the interactions between them as a group does not reflect what I feel are the views of the overall community.

We need our Council to be more practical in their vision for the community. Princeton Borough has many of the worst roads and yet the most impractical ideas being legislated that I am aware of. Jefferson and other roads waited for years to be repaired while other projects totally preoccupied the attention of the politicians. It was only after protest that the plight of Jefferson Road got noticed. Local politics shouldn't be this way. Roads should be fixed.

Mr. Freda has shown his concern about overdevelopment and growth. He listens to community-wide concerns about our future. Before we attempt to become a small city, we need to know what the people really want. His participation in our community from the Fire Company to the First Aid and Rescue Squad, and as a past member of Council, shows that he is in touch with our wants and our needs. He will lobby for a real consensus of all the people.

I know that he will hold strong in demanding that Princeton University begin paying its fair share of our tax burden. He started that process while he was on Council a decade ago. Let him finish and complement Joe O'Neill's present stance on negotiating with the University on behalf of the town.

We need a grassroots idea person on Council who reflects the views of the Princeton community, a practical person with a cool temperament who can bring community perspective and introduce good ideas in closed sessions. Mark Freda is that person. He will add a new dimension to the Council.

TINA CLEMENT
Vandeventer Avenue

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of Andrew Koontz as the Democratic candidate for Borough Council in the upcoming Primary Election on June 8.

In the next decade, our town will face some issues of extraordinary importance and complexity. These critical questions include further planning in the downtown area for business and housing, control of traffic, improving systems for parking and, of course, taxes. All of these matters will challenge the energy and ingenuity of our elected officials.

In the months since he was appointed to Joe O'Neill's seat on Borough Council, Andrew Koontz has shown an unbiased approach to learning about Princeton's problems and a willingness to work hard on their solutions. He is perceptive and sensitive to the needs of all groups involved in any large and complex project. He is especially interested in working on the problem of property taxes — a painful reality for many Princeton homeowners.

Mr. Koontz has made a great start in his first months on Borough Council and we should support his bid to continue.
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Updated Classic Women's Clothes Is the Piccadilly's Fashion Focus

The Piccadilly is one of Princeton's true treasures. For almost 37 years, this very popular women's store at 200 Nassau Street has sold updated classic clothes — stylish, wearable and versatile. They are suitable for career, dining after work, travel, and weekend wear.

The Piccadilly is notable for its longevity at a time when so many other stores have van-

IT'S NEW To Us

ished from the Princeton retail scene,

Its focus on an up-to-date classic theme, along with personalized service are the key to success, note owners and sisters Judy Guldalian and Ruth Ann Basmajian.

"When we opened in 1967, we felt we could fill a niche," explains Ms. Guldalian. "We walked around town, looked at the stores, and there was a void for updated classic women's clothes."

She adds that she and her sister liked the idea of opening their own business. "We were brought up in a business environment. Our parents owned a business, and we loved clothes when we were little girls. We loved to dress up. We were really cut out for this work."

"Also," points out Ms. Basmajian, "we started right

away with mixing and matching and comfort; and now that has really caught on. We told people they didn't need a suit, but to coordinate pieces to mix and match."

Super Selection

The Piccadilly's collection includes choices for women of all ages, and sizes from six to 18 and small to extra large. Knits, jackets — tunic and short styles — skirts in two lengths, pants with elastic waist, and tops to match the entire group are all on display. A super selection of jackets includes varied textured silks.

"We offer variety, flexibility, and versatility," says Ms. Guldalian. "The career woman can wear our clothes to the office and also go to dinner in them."

Adds Ms. Basmajian: "In recent years, there has been more freedom and flexibility in fashion. There is an incredible variety in fabrics, styles and types today."

The Piccadilly offers the complete fashion look, she continues, and one of the most popular features in the store is its array of ensembles displayed to offer tips on how to put an outfit together. Scarves and jewelry accent the variety of jackets, sweaters, shirts, and pants that are all carefully coordinated.

"Having these ensembles was our idea," points out Ms. Guldalian. "We especially enjoy helping people with their fashion look. The customers are walking advertisements

for us, and if they want help, we are happy to give advice, and we give honest advice."

Color is very important at the Piccadilly, and the owners report that pink is always popular, and kiwi green is a favorite now, especially for tops. For spring, there are wonderful white mesh linen shirt jackets in tunic style, also available in black,

Great Look

Another highlight is the blue and white silk shantung shirt jacket, coordinated with a blue silk tank worn underneath. It is a great look with white pants.

"Silk sweaters are important this spring," remarks Ms. Basmajian. "They can be coordinated with everything. Short-sleeved and long-sleeved, and also twin sets are popular. Long-sleeved pull-overs underneath are favorites, but we also have short-sleeved cardigans with a tank underneath. They are in a variety of colors and offer a wonderful look."

Knits are also a big item at the store, as is the Leon Levin line of short and long-sleeved shirts, coordinating with hand-loomed, machine washable sweaters. In addition, the line includes pants, regular and crop, and the latest look is printed slides to coordinate with the crop pants.

The Piccadilly also carries a selection of hand knitted sweaters.

Accessories are so

important to complete the fashion statement, and the store abounds in wonderful choices.

"Our scarves are pieces of art," notes Ms. Guldalian. "100 percent silk in squares and oblongs, and all are silk-screened by an artist. We also have a line of jewelry that has just come in, including pearls with magnet clasps. They are in different lengths and millimeters. We will also be getting in gold and silver jewelry with magnet clasps."

Clips and Pierced

"Another popular line of pearls includes pearls with crystals in between and tied with grosgrain ribbons in a variety of colors. We also have sterling silver pins, bracelets, and necklaces, and sea shell and moon pendants, which can be purchased separately or with a chain."

Special sterling pins include tennis racket, watermelon, and kite with tail, all charmingly whimsical and appealing. Earrings at the Piccadilly are both clips and pierced.

The store is particularly known for its very popular Vera Bradley Designs collection, and it has one of the largest selections in the area, according to Ms. Guldalian.

"People love the cotton quilted fabric, and the bags are very well-made. They are machine washable and very durable. There are four new patterns this spring and new styles every year."

Customers come from all over the Princeton area and well beyond, including New York, Long Island, northern New Jersey, and Cape May, report the owners.



FASHION FOCUS: "We have the entire Vera Bradley Designs line — garment bags, handbags, luggage, and accessories. You can spend a little or a lot!" Judy Guldalian, co-owner of the Piccadilly women's store, stands by a display of Vera Bradley garment, tote, and duffel bags.

"We really enjoy the customers. So many are personal friends now. Those from far away come two and three times a year and seasonally. There is a lot of word-of-mouth. And we are pleased to say our new customers soon become regulars!"

Biggest Change

Ms. Guldalian and Ms. Basmajian are both involved in buying, pointing out that, "We go to the trade shows, look at something to see how it is constructed and how it goes with the other things in our store. Quality and coordination are key. And of course, we have a sense of our customers' taste."

They have seen many changes in the world of fashion over the years, but probably the biggest change is the advent of the Internet. "We get a lot of business now when people go on line to look for something, and they will find our name, and then call us. This is a very important part of business now."

What hasn't changed in the Piccadilly's almost 37 years is the emphasis on the individual customer.

"The key to our success is knowing what people are looking for," says Ms. Guldalian. "It is very important for people to look and feel good. If they look good, they feel good, and vice versa. We very much enjoy helping them. Service is key and has been since we opened."

It's fun, too, she adds. "We love the work. You have to love this business. Retail is hard, six days a week, and there is never time to be bored. I look forward to coming in the morning, and before I know it, it's 5 o'clock. The day just flies by!"

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More people are living longer in the U.S., and they are enjoying more active, engaged lives in their later years. Gone are the days when grandparents and great-grandparents were content to sit in a rocking chair and watch the world go by.

Better health, nutrition, and active life-styles have resulted in many more senior adults continuing to pursue careers, volunteer their services, and remain engaged and involved in their communities.

As a consequence, a variety of senior living communities are springing up to accommodate the needs and desires of this growing population of older adults.

One of the most recent is Stonebridge at Montgomery, located in Skillman near Rocky Hill, and affiliated with Presbyterian Homes & Services.

"Presbyterian Homes & Services (PHS) has 20 senior living communities all over New Jersey, and four are continuing care retirement communities," explains Lori High, Vice President of PHS Sales and Marketing.

"We have been providing senior living for 90 years," she continues. "All PHS full-service senior living communities are accredited by the Continuing Care Accreditation Commission, and as a not-for-profit organization, we consider our residents our top priority."

"Stonebridge includes

independent living, assisted living, and skilled nursing, and they are all connected. It's nice for spousal situations. If one spouse needs more care, they can still be together here," points out Ms. High, who has been with PHS for five years and in the senior living industry for 13 years.

"We did a lot of research in the state about what kind of life-style seniors want, what amenities, and programs. Two reasons why seniors would benefit by coming to Stonebridge are the security of knowing that their future needs will be taken care of. There is a healthcare director, physician's office, and rehabilitation center, and it's all centralized.

"The community is almost like a small town unto itself, with a bank, post office, around-the-clock security, and an auditorium. Also, there is a local government, with many residents involved in interacting with the administration in how the community works and runs."

Residents are engaged in community life in many ways, she adds. A variety of clubs — from bridge to birdwatching — is available, as well as arts and crafts room, club room with billiard and game tables, as well as beauty salon, barber, lending library, seminar room with computers for small education groups and meetings, indoor swimming pool, fitness center, tennis court, and putting green.

The 40-acre property features walking trails, and the

surrounding land — 160 acres — is preserved open space.

Residents are typically from their early sixties to late eighties, with an average in their late 70s, reports Ms. High. To qualify, one person in a couple must be 62 years old or older.

Recent Move

Currently there are 200 residents, including 50 couples. Independent living apartments and cottages accommodate 250 to 300, assisted living facilities 60 to 75, and skilled nursing 40.

Many former Princeton residents now reside at Stonebridge, adds Ms. High. One of these is Reeves Hicks, who most recently has been a fund-raiser for the new Princeton Public Library and continues to work on the library's endowment fund. He and his wife Joan are very pleased with their recent move.

"We love the location because it is near Princeton and because it is surrounded by a couple of hundred acres of open space, and it's also near the charming village of Rocky Hill," says Mr. Hicks.

"We find the accommodations very attractive and the staff and management are very nice and very cooperative. They are doing a wonderful job. The residents are wonderful, too. We know a lot of them, and when we're up in the main lobby, we feel as though we're on the corner of Nassau and Witherspoon Streets!"

Adds Ms. High: "There is a real community here and companionship. The dining room is like being in a restaurant in which everyone knows each other."

All residents are entitled to one meal a day. Most opt for dinner in the attractive main dining room, offering fresh linens, flowers, choice of menu, and waitress and waiter service.

Other dining facilities include the smaller Garden Room and the Cafe for cafeteria style or waiter/waitress service. It also offers take-out. A dietician is on hand to consult with residents to accommodate specific dietary needs.

A small pub is also available, where residents may bring their own wine and spirits.

Regular Trips

A new convenience and gift shop is just about to open, offering milk, eggs, tooth paste, and greeting cards.

Among the amenities at Stonebridge is a large auditorium, a site for many events, including lectures, musical, and theatrical productions. In addition, Stonebridge arranges outings to McCarter Theatre and such events as the Philadelphia Flower Show. Regular shopping trips to Princeton and other bus outings are also available.

Independent living facilities, whether apartment or cottage, offer the latest features: washer, dryer, dishwasher, air conditioning, and gas log fireplaces. In addition, all the bathrooms have emergency pull cords to call for help.

If residents wish to include a pet in their household, they



NEW OPPORTUNITIES: "The biggest pleasure I get is to meet and interact with people who have lived long, interesting lives. It is fascinating to meet them and learn from them." Lori High, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Presbyterian Homes & Services, is shown in one of the apartments at Stonebridge at Montgomery, a continuing care retirement community.

are free to do so, and they can also enjoy gardening.

Payment arrangements vary, but an entrance fee and the monthly service fee are required. Part of the monthly fee for independent living covers all utilities, grounds-keeping maintenance, weekly laundry, and one meal per cottage.

Currently, a lifecare contract is in effect through June 30, she adds. "This includes a higher entrance fee, which is really paying for future health needs. The same monthly fee follows you, whatever your needs. After July 1, however, the monthly fee will change according to services needed."

She notes that people coming to Stonebridge may move directly into the assisted living necessary.

"Assisted living is for those who need help with the activities of daily living, such as bathing, dressing, walking, etc. The assisted living and skilled nursing units are connected, and the health care center will also include a special service area for people with Alzheimer's Disease or other memory impairments."

Grand Opening

Ms. High reports that there has been great interest in Stonebridge from the time of its initial proposal. "When the community was announced in 2000, we were sold out in 120 days! However, once closer to opening, some people decided to wait. Currently, there is availability in apartments and cottages."

"We will have a grand opening celebration and open house on Saturday and Sunday, May 22 and 23, including refreshments. We look forward to people coming, and they can also call for an appointment any time, including on weekends."

Ms. High is pleased to be involved in an organization that offers people new choices and opportunities as they grow older. "Personally, I look forward to providing a wonderful life-style so that people who make the decision to move here are very happy and enjoy their lives, even with the challenges they face as they get older."

"Today, older people's attitudes toward life and activity have changed. Being 80 today is not like 80 in the past." For more information on Stonebridge at Montgomery, call (609) 683-8355 or (888) 327-2444.

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
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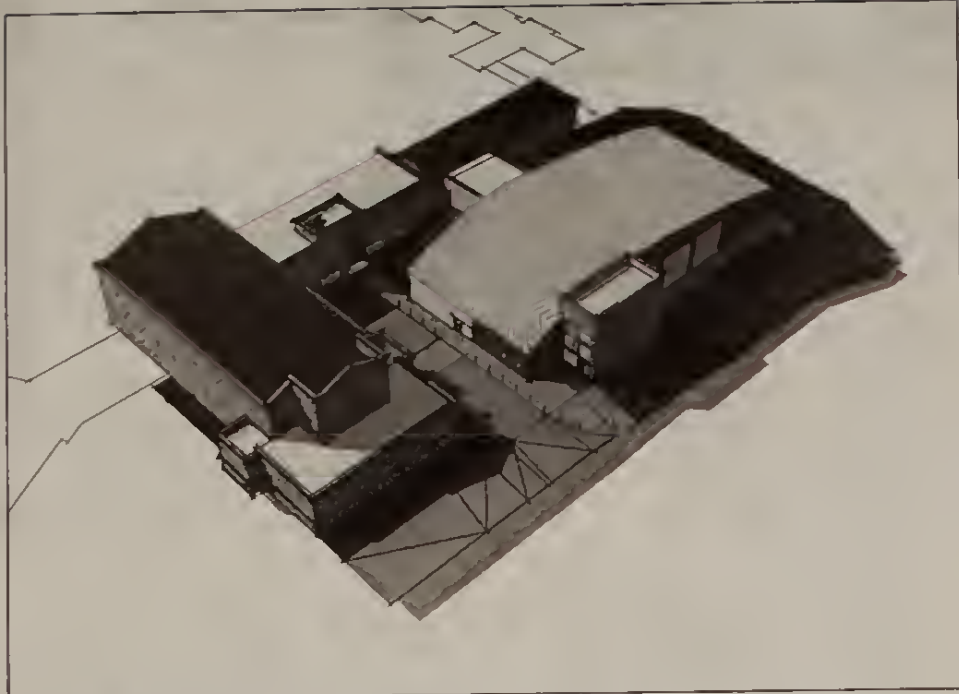
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THE NEW CENTER: Pictured is Princeton Academy's proposed Athletic and Convocation Center. Currently the school uses the large chapel area for many of its athletic activities.

Athletic, Convocation Center Planned For Princeton Academy

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Sacred Heart, an independent Catholic elementary and mid-
dle school for boys, recently said.

Mr. Kalkus' contract as headmaster of the school was recently renewed for an additional three years, beyond the six he will have already served.

In its fifth year, with 195 students enrolled in junior-kindergarten through eighth grades, Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart occupies the former Our Lady of Princeton property on the Great Road.

Since the school's founding, many indoor activities such as school-wide gatherings, physical education classes, musical performances, and interscholastic sports have taken place in the large chapel area. These uses have been accommodated through the use of special athletic matting placed on the chapel floor and adding portable athletic equipment, such as basketball hoops.

Not an ideal situation, stained glass windows have been under risk for being broken by the stray balls of energetic students. Seating capacity has also limited the size and scope of school-wide gatherings.

"At full enrollment, our school will have about 300 boys, and the limited space we now use as our gymnasium will put pressure on our physical education classes as well as our successful interscholastic sports programs," said Olen Kalkus, Princeton Academy's founding headmaster.

"Creating this new facility will also allow us to create a new library and small chapel space in the area we are now using as a gymnasium. This new space will become the

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Princeton Academy is scheduled to appear before the Princeton Township Planning Board on May 6 to present the details of the new facility.

This new facility is the first of several significant improvements outlined in the master plan that the Board of Trustees created in 2001, just two years after the founding of the school, said Dr. Louis J. Tesoro, chairman of the Board of Trustees: "By rounding out our facilities in this way, we believe that our strong program for boys will blossom even further than it has in its first five years."

Local Doctors Sponsor Awareness Day for Kids

The tenth Annual "Kids Day America/International," a health, safety, and environmental awareness day will take place on Saturday, May 15. Doctors Joseph and Caroline Paul will be sponsoring the event locally from noon until 3 p.m. in their Research Park office across from the Princeton Airport, where essential information on crime prevention, child safety, and the environment will be provided.

The Montgomery Township Police Department will be on hand to give children free child ID cards; the Fire Department is bringing their fire truck and will teach fire

safety tips to the children. There will also be a Moon Bounce ride, a "Build and Grow with LOWE's" Workshop, a petting zoo, face painting and many more activities, all free. There will also be free balloons and food, special give-a-ways, and prize drawings every half hour.

The Drs. Paul will provide free spinal exams and scoliosis screenings as well as distributing vital information on disease prevention and specific health issues that affect children.

"We will also gladly accept your generous donations for the D.A.R.E. program which will help enable them to continue their efforts to educate children about drug addiction," say the Drs. Paul.

St. Paul's to Hold Benefit Golf Outing

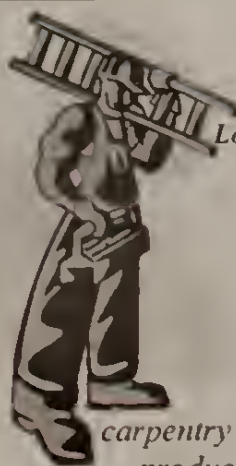
St. Paul's Athletic Committee will be holding its annual benefit golf outing on Monday, May 10, at the Trenton Country Club. The event will benefit the St. Paul's Parish athletic program, which serves 275 student athletes.

The outing will also benefit Saint Paul's Athletic Committee Scholarship awarded to a graduating student athlete from St. Paul's School.

The cost for the outing is \$200 per golfer and includes lunch, greens fees, and awards dinner. Opportunities for sponsorships are also available.

For more information, or to make a donation, contact the golf chair at ALCOINC@aol.com.

St. Paul's School, located at 218 Nassau Street, is a Catholic elementary school for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. Its current enrollment is more than 400 students.



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THE DOG DOES NOT COME WITH THE CAR: Mark Hamrick and Wolfi sell raffle tickets to benefit the Breast Health Center of the University Medical Center at Princeton. The drawing is held at the June Fete.

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Carrier Clinic Offers Free Screenings

In recognition of National Anxiety Screening Day on Wednesday, May 5, Carrier Clinic will offer free screenings for anxiety. An estimated 19-million Americans per year are affected by anxiety disorders. Carrier is participating as a free public service, along with 1,500 other facilities across the country.

The National Anxiety Screening Disorders Project is a nationwide public health event run through Freedom From Fear, a non-profit mental health advocacy organization whose mission is to improve, through research and community support, the lives of those affected by anxiety, depression and other disorders.

According to Jack D. Maser of the National Institute of Mental Health, "Recognition that something is wrong is what brings people to this site on National Anxiety Disorders Screening Day. They need to know that once identified, anxiety disorders can be treated."

Carrier Clinic is a private, non-profit behavioral health-care system providing treatment for psychiatric illness and substance dependence. To sign up for National Anxiety Screening Day or for more information on Carrier and any of its services, contact the Community Relations Department at (908) 281-1513.

Wildflower Preserve Hosts Flowering Shrub Class

Bowman's Hill Wildflower Preserve in New Hope will host a flowering shrub class on Saturday, May 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The class will focus on viburnums, azaleas, and laurels, with participants learning about the landscape and wildlife value that the native shrubs provide. Through slides, discussion, and demonstration, identifying characteristics of the plants will also be learned.

The fee is \$8 for members and \$12 for nonmembers. Pre-registration is suggested.

For more information, call (215) 862-2924, or e-mail bhwp@bhwp.org.

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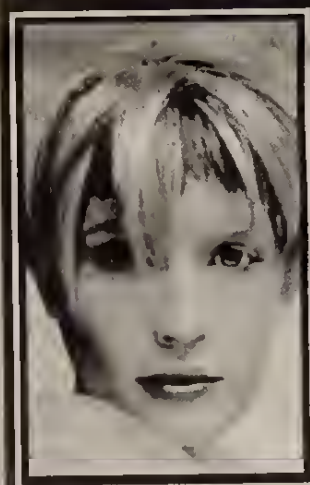
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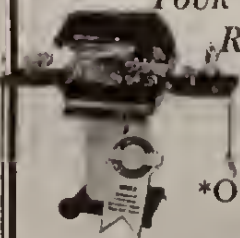
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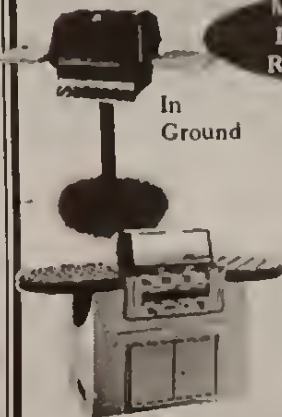
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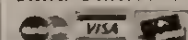
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Soroptimist International of Princeton will host its 25th Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, "Spring Into Fashion," on Saturday, May 8 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, Route 1 at Ridge Road. Phyllis Davison, proprietor of the Dandeline Shop in Cranbury, will present the latest in spring fashion.

Doors will open at 11 a.m.; luncheon will be served at noon.

Proceeds will benefit Soroptimist community service projects.

Tickets are \$35 per person. For more information or reservations call Virginia Bachalis at (609) 896-0631 or Pam Trapp at (609) 586-5359.

The **Princeton Chapter No. 459 of AARP, Inc.**, will meet on Thursday, May 13, at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of Kingston Presbyterian Church, Kingston.

The speaker will be attorney Allen Porter, who will discuss "Wills, Estates, and Trusts."

The public is invited. Refreshments will be served. For information, call (609) 921-7680 or (609) 896-1548.

"How Bacteria Talk to Each Other" will be the topic of a presentation by Bonnie L. Bassler, Ph.D., to **55PLUS** at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 6, at the Jewish Center of Princeton.

The bacterial communication phenomenon that Dr. Bassler will describe is called quorum



FASHIONISTAS: Members of Soroptimist International of Princeton pose with Phyllis Davison, owner of the Dandeline Shop in Cranbury, who will present spring fashions at the club's 25th Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon on Saturday, May 8 at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center. Shown, from left, are Pam Trapp, Barbara Whitlock, Helen Trapp, Ms. Davison, Judy Wist and Virginia Bachalis. Tickets at \$35 may be ordered by calling Ms. Bachalis at (609) 896-0631.

sensing, which is the control of gene expression in response to cell density.

Dr. Bassler is professor of molecular biology at Princeton University. She received her B.S. degree from the University of California, her Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University. She was a research scientist at The Agouron Institute in La Jolla, Calif., before joining the Princeton faculty in 1994.

55PLUS is a non-sectarian group of men who are either retired or who have flexible working hours. It meets at 10 a.m. on the first and third Thursday mornings of each month except June, July and August. In addition to its meetings it has a computer group and two investment groups.

The Jewish Center of Princeton is at 435 Nassau Street.

The **Jewish Family & Children's Service of Greater Mercer County** will sponsor a networking meeting at the legal offices of Stark & Stark, 993 Lenox Drive, Lawrenceville, on Thursday, June 3 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The meeting will offer young professionals in the community an opportunity to network with each other, and to learn more about JFCS community services.

Food and refreshments will be provided. To attend, call Doris Weiss at (609) 987-8100.

A joint dinner meeting of the **Princeton Trenton Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants** will be held on Wednesday, May 19 at 6 p.m. at Good Time Charlie's restaurant in Kingston.

The speaker will be Gerry Najarian, principal of The Remington Group, LLC. For reservations, call Rebecca Machinga at (609) 520-1188.

The **Princeton Breast Institute** has scheduled cancer support meetings for May 5, May 19, June 2, and June 16 at the Institute's office at 842 State Road. For more information, call (609) 924-1528.

The **Amateur Astronomers Association of Princeton** will hear a talk by Dr. Ernst DeHaas of Princeton University at its 8 p.m. meeting on Tuesday, May 11. The title of Dr. DeHaas's talk will be "How a Little Math Helped the Apollo 13 Astronauts Survive."

The meeting will be held at Peyton Hall, Ivy Lane, on the University campus. For more information and directions, visit www.princetonastronomy.org.

Princeton Singles has scheduled six events in May.

Hour-long canal walks, followed by lunch, are scheduled for Saturday, May 8 and Saturday, May 22. Participants will meet in the parking lot at the Winepress Restaurant in Kingston at 10 a.m. For reservations, call (609) 896-1170.

On Sunday, May 8, the club will attend *Company* at the Burlington County Theatre in Cinnaminson at 5 p.m. Admission will be \$15. For reservations, call (609) 883-1214.

The club will host a breakfast meeting on Friday, May 14 at 9 a.m. at the Star Diner in Hillsborough. Admission is the cost of the meal. For reservations, call (908) 359-8412.

A luncheon and tour of Longwood Gardens is scheduled for Saturday, May 15. Participants will meet at 11 a.m. at the Lawrenceville Municipal Building in Lawrenceville. For reservations and information, call (732) 613-1682.

The club will also host a noon luncheon meeting on Tuesday, May 25 at the Elks Club in Blawenburg. Admission is the cost of the meal. For reservations, call (908) 369-5208.

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Instinct

A natural intuition can be very helpful during the course of a chess game. Not only will it make you a superior blitz (speed) player, but it will also help you to spot more readily the appropriate candidate moves in a longer tournament game.

No matter how many books you read about developing a plan in a chess game, the author will always point out the importance of candidate moves. When your opponent makes a move, you are faced with what can sometimes be a very difficult decision. While moves are relatively easy to find when they lead to forced mate or are part of some deep opening theory that you have learned, they can be much more difficult to spot in a positional mid-game situation.

"Candidates" are moves that are likely to be beneficial for your position. It is these, and only these, that the player must then assess and calculate. After all, you wouldn't want to analyze variations of every legal move! So, how do we find such candidates?

The best way is by instinct. It is the most time-efficient and, with much practice, is often correct. How do you develop this intuition?

Unlike some of the methods that chess journalists teach, this instinct can only come with experience. It is for this reason that I encourage all of my students and readers to play in as many tournaments as possible. If you lead a very busy life, however, it is even helpful to play through as many games as you can. Games can be found at a number of databases online as well as in computer software such as ChessBase 8.0.

Once you've developed this instinct, you will surely notice an improvement in your tournament results.

—Chad Lieberman



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2.c4	Bb4+
3.Nc3	f5
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8.cxd5	Nxd5
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32.Bxb3	Qxb3
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34.g4	fxg4
35.hxg4	d5
36.f5	h6
37.Qf4	Re7
38.f6	Re4
39.Qxe4	dxex4
40.Rxd8+	Nxd8
41.Rxd8+	Kh7
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9 a.m. to noon: Garden Club of America photography exhibit; Nassau Club, 6 Mercer Street.

9 a.m. to noon: Garden Club of America flower arranging; Historic Morven, 55 Stockton Street.

Noon: Pianist Erick Allesee; Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church.

12:30 to 1 p.m.: Organ recital; Princeton University Chapel.

6:30 p.m.: Talk, "Fall Prevention and the Elderly," by Harvey E. Smires, M.D.; Buckingham Place, 155 Raymond Road.

7:30 p.m.: *My Fair Lady*; Berlind Theatre. Also Thursday through Sunday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 4 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Footloose*; Bucks County Playhouse, 70 South Main Street, New Hope, Pa. Also Thursday at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

9:30 p.m.: Chris Mood Latin Jazz; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Thursday, May 6

8 p.m.: Passage Theatre's *In Mahalia's Light*; Mill Hill Playhouse, Trenton. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 5 p.m.

10 p.m.: Sonny Rhodes Band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Friday, May 7

6 to 9 p.m.: Sunset Art Stroll; downtown Princeton.

7 p.m. and 9 p.m.: Princeton University Triangle Club Spring Show, Rude Olympics VI; Film and Performance Theater, Frist Campus Center.

8 p.m.: Mercer County Community College Student Show; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: *The Miracle Worker*; Somerset Valley Theatre, Somerville. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m.

8 p.m.: David Bromberg Big Band; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: *Grapes of Wrath*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

10:30 p.m.: Sonny Kenn Rock Band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Saturday, May 8

11 a.m.: Folk-singer Tom Chapin; McCarter Theatre.

11 a.m.: Children's Talk, "Outdoor Sculpture"; Princeton University Art Museum.

2 p.m. and 8 p.m.: Princeton Garden Statesmen Barbershop Chorus; Yvonne Theater, Rider University Fine Arts Building, Lawrenceville.

4:30 p.m.: Lecture, Mary Ellen Miller on "Making Music in Maya Art"; McCormick Hall Room 101.

8 p.m.: Excavations, with LKB Dance Company, George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Empire Brass; Mount-Burke Theater, Peddie School, Hightstown.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Jazz Concert, with Concert Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble II, and Afro-Groove Ensemble; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Medeski, Martin & Wood Trio; McCarter Theatre.

10:30 p.m.: Sage Rock/Funk Band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Sunday, May 9

3 p.m.: Concert, Xochipili: An Imagined Aztec Music, with The Richardson Chamber Players; Richardson Auditorium.

4 p.m.: Westminster Schola Cantorum Spring Concert; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

5:30 p.m.: Concert, The Princeton Singers, "Royal Splendour/Music from the Book of Kings"; Princeton University Art Museum.

Monday, May 10

4 p.m.: Township Historic Preservation Commission; Township Municipal Complex, 400 Witherspoon Street.

7 p.m.: Township Committee; Township Municipal Complex, 400 Witherspoon Street.

8 p.m.: Orpheus Chamber Orchestra; McCarter Theatre.

Tuesday, May 11

7:30 p.m.: Borough Council; Borough Hall.

7:30 p.m.: *My Fair Lady*; Berlind Theatre. Also Wednesday through Sunday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 4 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: Breast Cancer Resource Center of YWCA Princeton; Bramwell House, Paul Robeson Place.

Wednesday, May 12

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12:30 to 1 p.m.: Organ recital; Princeton University Chapel.

7:30 p.m.: Mercer County Community College Chorus; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College.

7:30 p.m.: U.S. 1 Poets Invite reading, with Lois Marie Harrod and Carlos Hernandez Pena; Princeton Public Library.

9:30 p.m.: Eric Mintel Jazz Trio; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Thursday, May 13

7 p.m.: Talk by Peter Singer, "The President of Good and Evil; The Ethics of George W. Bush"; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair.

8 p.m.: Mercer County Community College Jazz Band's Spring Concert; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College.

8 p.m.: Passage Theatre's *In Mahalia's Light*; Mill Hill Playhouse, Trenton. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 5 p.m.

10 p.m.: Singer James Harvey; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Friday, May 14

7:30 p.m.: Spring Piano Recital, New School for Music Study of Kingston; Kingston Presbyterian Church. Also Saturday at noon, 2, 4, and 7:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Rosanne Cash and Josh Ritter; McCarter Theatre.

8 p.m.: *Murder by the Book*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Mercer County Community Band; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College.

8 p.m.: American Repertory Ballet; George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: *The Miracle Worker*; Somerset Valley Theatre, Somerville. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m.

10:30 p.m.: Nora Whittaker Band; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.

Saturday, May 15

9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.: Princeton Public Library Grand Opening; Witherspoon Street.

11 a.m.: Children's Talk, "How to Make Modern Art"; Princeton University Art Museum.


1:30 and 5:30 p.m.: Princeton Dance and Theater Studio Spring Workshop; Yvonne Theater, Rider University, Lawrenceville.

2 and 4 p.m.: Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College.

6:30 p.m.: SAVE Benefit Dinner; Bedens Brook Farm, Hopewell.

8 p.m.: Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra's Italian American Cultural Exchange Concert; Richardson Auditorium.

10:30 p.m.: The Blue Method; Triumph Brewing Company, Nassau Street.


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DOUBLE EDGED DANCE: This Sword Dance, performed by members of the Griggstown Lock Rapper Team, was part of a May Day celebration on Palmer Square on Saturday. Rapper dancing comes from Northumbria, the mining region of the U.K. The dancers, from left, are Michael Bell, Rachel Samoil, Jane McCarty, Debbie Goodkin and Janet Mills.

(Photo by George Vogel)

Mike's Tavern

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Zoning Board last Wednesday, Mr. Distler held a community meeting with area residents to discuss his plans. According to Zoning Board Chairman Carlos Rodrigues, only a handful of residents came out to voice their concern regarding the opening of a jazz bar in their neighborhood.

Now that use approval has been granted, Mr. Distler needs to re-appear before the Zoning Board with his site plan.

"Really, the only thing the Board was being asked to do on Wednesday was to approve the use variance," Mr. Rodrigues said.

"With these kinds of applications, [we're] really making a decision on the use, and you really can't turn the use down based on anticipated impact," he said. On the other hand, Mr. Rodrigues added, "it's difficult to draw a hard line between [the two]."

Princeton Township's municipal land-use law, however, allows an applicant to

appear before the Zoning Board with simply a "use" portion of the application or with an entire site plan. Testimony was also provided by a traffic engineer, a planner, and Mr. Smith to give the Board more specific information on the project.

Issues that are related to site plan review, he added, are deferred to a later meeting, which has not yet been set. However, at that point, the question of the use of a pending structure is not an issue, as that element has already received approval.

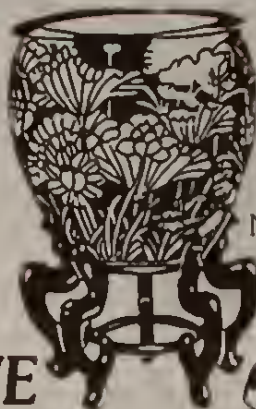
Ultimately, the neighbors were not able to convince a majority of the board that the project would be inappropriate.

"My guess is that many of these issues will probably resurface at the time of site plan review, and at that stage we'll be looking at all those issues regarding traffic, circulation, light and noise," he said.

—Matthew Hersh

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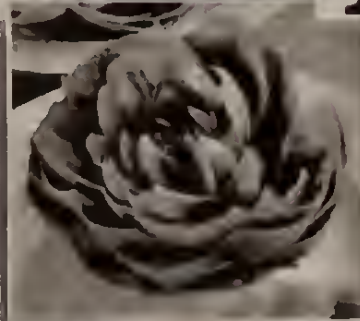
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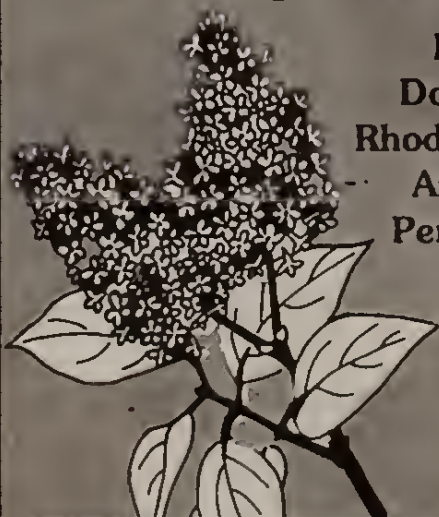
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and construction workers have been parking in long-term parking spaces around the high school building, forcing students to park in spots marked for two-hour parking. Students unable to run out between classes in time to move their cars have received numerous parking tickets from Borough Police.

School Superintendent Claire Sheff Kohn tried to alleviate the problem by requesting that all construction workers park in the John Witherspoon parking lot, and leave more spaces near the high school for students. However students have continued to park in short term parking spaces and continue to receive parking tickets.

At the February Council meeting, students requested that Council place a moratorium on ticketing around the high school to alleviate the problem. However Council decided instead to wait for a report from the ad hoc committee.

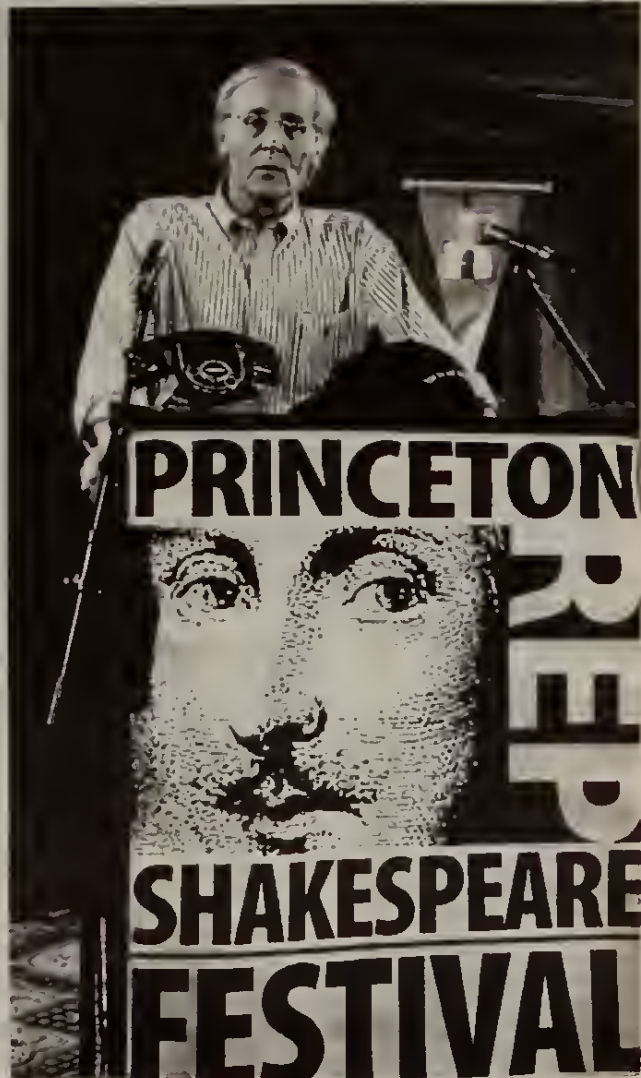
Ms. Benchley said that because some members of the committee will be unavailable to present the group's ideas in May, it will present its proposal at either the June 1 or June 9 Council meeting.

"Right now we have some proposals, but we need to finalize them," said Ms. Benchley.

Following the presentation to Council, the committee intends to present its ideas to the Township Committee, and the School Board, said Ms. Benchley.

"We're looking for a long term, holistic solution to the problem," she said.

—Candace Braun



NO. 18, 'SHALL I COMPARE THEE...': Author and Princeton resident Peter Benchley reads a favorite Shakespearean sonnet at the Princeton Repertory Company's Shakespeare-E-Thon at Palmer Square on Sunday. The event, sponsored by Palmer Square Merchants, Fleet Bank, and The Times, was actually held indoors at the Nassau Inn due to the threat of rain. The occasion marked William Shakespeare's 440th birthday; although it was a belated celebration as the actual date is April 23.

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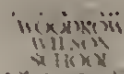
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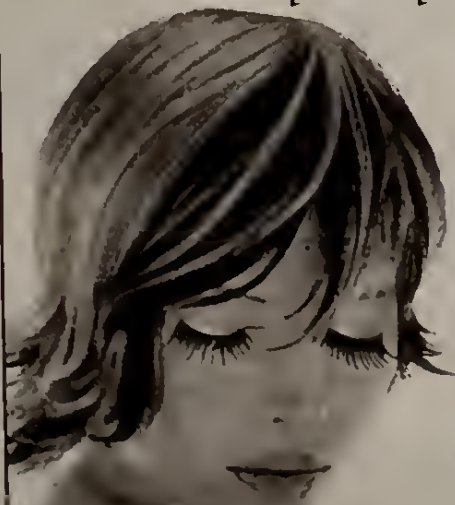
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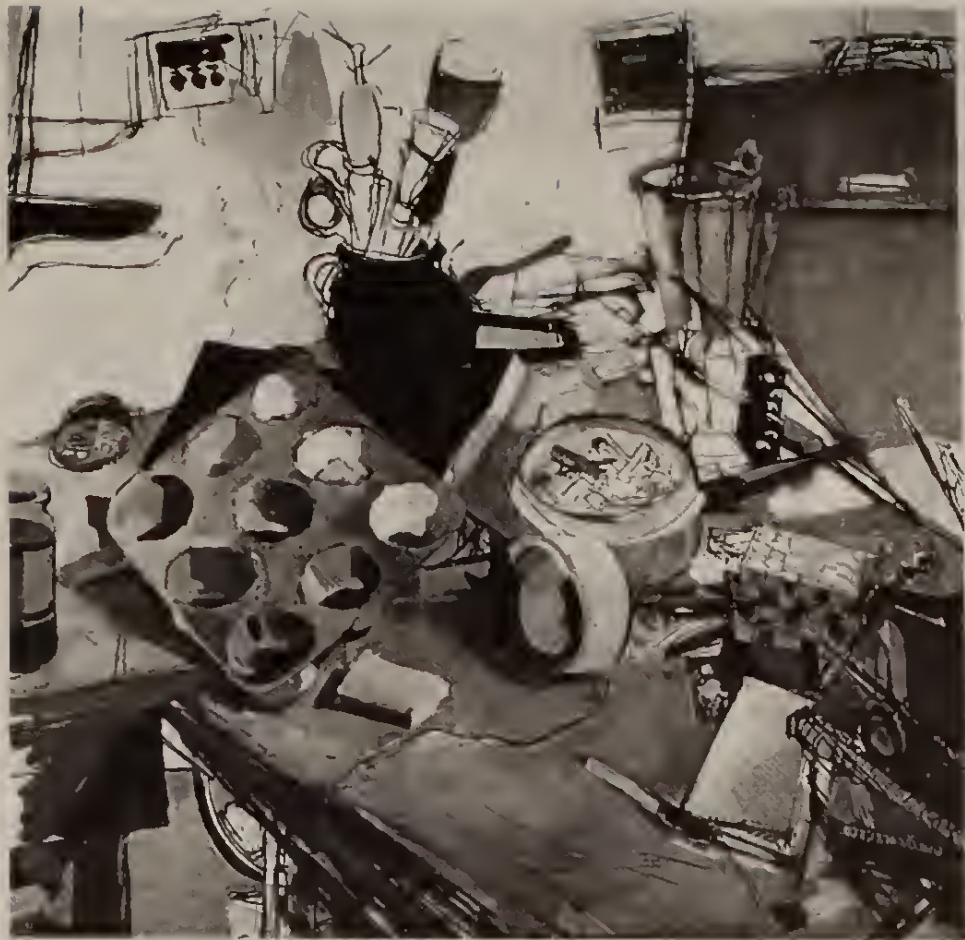
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A GRADUATE THESIS EXHIBITION: The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts will celebrate its 103rd Annual Student Exhibition and its 12th Annual Graduate Thesis Exhibition between Saturday, May 8 and Sunday, June 6. This Joan Becker piece, which won the academy's 2003 Women's Board Prize, will be included in the exhibit. There will be an opening reception on Friday, May 7 between 5 and 8:30 p.m. For more information, call (215) 972-7600, or visit www.pafa.edu/specialexhibitions.jsp.



DRIVIN' THAT TRAIN: A photography show at Small World Coffee on Wither- spoon Street illustrates an excursion across the U.S. taken by Princeton resident Matthew Baum. "Roadside Attractions: Photographs from an American Road Trip," features images that were captured on camera during a 20,000-mile journey around the U.S. between September 2002 and June 2003. The exhibit will show through May 31.

University Library Hosts King James Bible Show

The Princeton University Library has opened a new exhibition marking the 400th anniversary of an important event in the history of the English Bible. "The Bible in English: Before and After the Hampton Court Conference, 1604," currently on view through August 8th in the main gallery of the Firestone Library, features more than 60 early English Bibles.

In 1604, English bishops, Puritan leaders and other churchmen convened by James I gathered at Hampton Court Palace for the purpose of determining "things pretended to be amiss in the church." One result was the renowned King James Bible, first published seven years later.

The earliest Bibles in the exhibition, dating before the King James version, demonstrate the tumultuous political and literary history leading up to that translation. They include manuscript copies of the Wycliffite Bible, considered the earliest complete rendering of the scriptures into English. Although appearing as early as the 1380s, the Wycliffite Bibles were banned in 1408 by an ecclesiastical act. Even though printing in England started in the 1470s, no part of the English Bible was printed before 1525, no complete Bible before 1535 and none in England before 1538.

The first printings, also on display, were the translations of William Tyndale, once chaplain to a noble family who fled to Hamburg because there was "no place to do [the translation] in all of englonde." Although deemed "untrue translations," Tyndale's work served as the foundation for subsequent English versions, such as those of Miles Coverdale (1535), Thomas Matthew (1537), the Great Bible (1539), the Geneva Bible (1590) and the Bishop's Bible (1568). Visitors can see rare copies of these Bibles in the exhibition.

Princeton is one of the few universities in the world capa-

ble of mounting a historic English Bible exhibition from collections on its campus. This distinction is due to the presence here of the Scheide Library.

For more information, visit libweb.princeton.edu.

Local Artists' Work Shown in Annual Spring Exhibit

The Morpeth Gallery in Hopewell will feature the work of several local artists in its upcoming Spring Group Exhibition. The exhibit, which opens on Friday, May 8 with a public reception from 6 to 8 p.m., will range from representational to abstract. Materials used range from conventional oil on canvas to mixed media pieces using stone, tin, and wood.

Princeton artist Kate Hammett cuts, assembles, and paints wood panels and finishes them off with small rocks. Her work makes reference to Amish and Shaker design elements that depict identity, origin, and belonging.

Hopewell artist Ken McIndoe renders scenes of Manhat-

tan with a palette knife. Having taught at the Arts Student League in New York City since 1981, Mr. McIndoe delivers dense impasto works that tend to depict high-energy, urban scenes.

Exploring themes of emergence and entrance, New Hope artist Kirby Fredendall works with oil on tin, using themes that illustrate the "growth process." Working with a framework of x-rays, photographs, and video ultrasounds, the artist manipulates the imagery to create depictions of interior spaces, objects, and vague figures.

Finally, Ocean Grove artist Kyle Stevenson will display his works in oil on canvas and present images of the interior of his home. His work focuses on "transitional" areas of the home, particularly doorways, stairways, and hallways.

The Spring Group Exhibition will run through Sunday, June 6. The Morpeth Gallery is located at 43 West Broad Street in Hopewell. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (609) 333-9393.



"CANAL AND ESSEX": This Lower East Side scene by Hopewell painter Ken McIndoe will be part of the Spring Group Exhibition at the Morpeth Gallery in Hopewell. The exhibit, which opens on Friday, May 8 with a public reception from 6 to 8 p.m., will range from representational to abstract.

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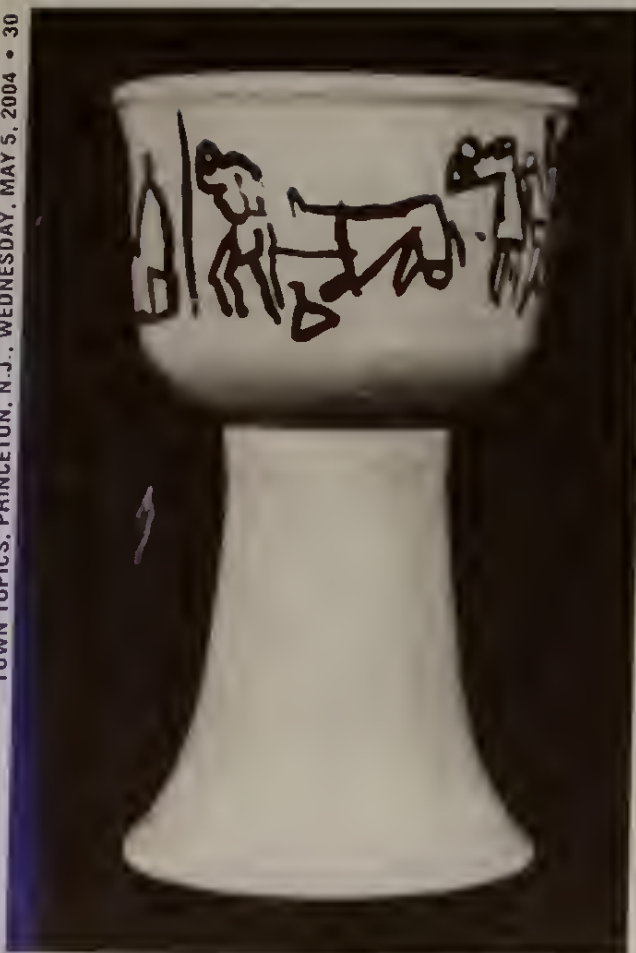
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A TALL 'CUP OF SOCRATES': The Gallery of Fine Art in Newtown, Pa. will present "The Socrates Series, Paintings by John Goodyear," from Saturday, May 22 through Sunday, June 27. The exhibit revolves around the two historic paintings: David's "The Death of Socrates," and Manet's "Luncheon on the Grass," by interweaving Goodyear's 35 original works around the concepts of those classic, very different paintings.

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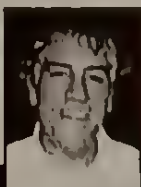
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David and Manet Inspired This Exhibit of Dualities

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The public is invited to an opening reception on May 22 between 5 and 8 p.m., and to a gallery talk with the artist on Sunday, May 30 at 2 p.m.

Mr. Goodyear, a Lambertville resident, currently has his works featured in museum collections internationally. He was a professor of art at Rutgers University for 33 years and in 2000, was honored with a retrospective at the James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown, Pa.

The artist describes the "Socrates" exhibit as "intelligent and often humorous [that] combines elements from the two famous works of art into an unusual theme, providing a thought-provoking and enjoyable visual experience."

"It is a rare opportunity to see a collection of this magnitude of John Goodyear's artwork," said Barbara Swanda, the gallery director. "The newest pieces are a treat, yielding further insight into the wonderful creative workings of this significant artist's imagination."

Mr. Goodyear said that the paintings in the exhibit propose and array of dualities: women and men, life and death, and the real and the wished for.

"As the series progresses, these opposites cease struggling for dominance and assume the role of ordinary objects living quite peacefully with each other," the artist said.

In addition to the "Socrates Series," recent artwork from the gallery's permanent collection is on display in the downstairs gallery.

The Gallery of Fine Art is located at 201 S. State Street in Newtown, Pa. Gallery hours are Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; and by appointment on Monday and Tuesday. For more information, call (215) 579-0050 or visit www.gfanewtown.com.

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'SNOW LANDSCAPE': A joint exhibition of ink and brush paintings by students of Chinese brush painter I-Hsiung Ju is currently showing in Kingston at 35 Sycamore Place, off of Route 27. The show will be displayed through May 16. Artists Pinghsian Chuang, Sun Chueh Kao, Ting Li, Anna Tang, and Yi Tien Yang all contributed their work to the exhibition. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Nothing But Abstractions At Hills Gallery on Nassau

The Abstract Painters League of Pennsylvania and New Jersey, a newly formed organization, will present its first exhibition at Hills Gallery from Saturday, May 29 through Saturday, June 12.

The show, "The Invisible Eye, the Spirit Within," will feature seven league painters whose styles range from figu-

rative to pure abstraction. Canvases come alive reflecting internal discoveries through the use of color, line and texture. Works are by Andrea Dick, Violet Franks, Kathleen I. Kudra, Judi Tobler-Nelson, Lorraine J. Taylor, Jannick Wildberg and Tara M. Kudra. The League's founder, Tara Kudra, a sculptor and painter, teaches abstract painting privately and at the Princeton Adult School. Several of the

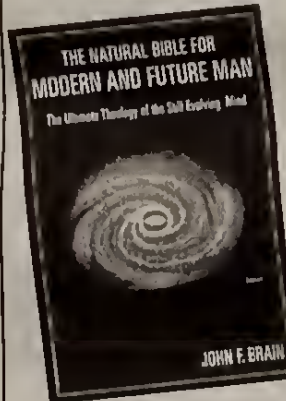
exhibiting painters are her former students. She will exhibit her three dimensional work as well as paintings.

An opening reception will be held on Saturday, May 29 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Hills Gallery at 195 Nassau Street. The Gallery is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, please call (609) 252-0909.

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"THE WOOLVERTON PORCH": Artist Robert Beck will present his spring exhibition, "Surroundings," featuring interiors and other recent paintings at his own Painting Studio and Gallery at 21 Bridge Street, 2nd floor, in Lambertville. This particular painting depicts a Stockton Inn. The exhibit will run through Sunday, May 16.

Lambertville Show Explores Interiors of Local Spots

Artist Robert Beck is currently hosting his own spring exhibition, "Surroundings," that feature interiors and other recent paintings at his own Painting Studio and Gallery in Lambertville.

In the 30 plus paintings in the show, Mr. Beck turns away from his usual depiction of events and occupations toward a more introspective look at the spaces occupied as a culture.

Mr. Beck attributes this past winter as a good reason to stay inside to be inspired.

"A particularly cold winter inspires an artist to paint interiors," he said, quipping "sometimes you even get fed a warm meal by the owners."

Many of the pieces illustrate scenes in and around Lambertville. The images are typical of the artist's painting in their style of brushwork that falls between impressionism and tonalism.

"Surroundings" will run through Sunday, May 16. The Painting Studio and Gallery at 21 Bridge Street, 2nd floor, is open weekends from noon to 5 p.m. and weekdays by appointment. For more information, call (609) 397-5679.

'Study of the Nude' Show To Open at Gallery 31

Gallery 31 in Glen Gardner has announced the opening of "Hidden Exposures: A Photographic Study of the Nude," an exhibit of photographs, constructions, and installations by Arlene Shulman that explore the erotic nude.

The show opens with a reception for the artists on Sunday, May 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. and runs through June 30.

This show marks Ms. Shulman's second one-person show at Gallery 31 North and she is the first artist to do a repeat show since the gallery opened three years ago. Wally Barnette, the gallery director, said there is a sense of irony in the fact that while his gallery features "contemporary" art, the subject of Ms. Shulman's show is the earliest form of art "known to mankind: the human nude."

The show includes classically-printed selenium-toned silver gelatin prints in varying sizes as well as digitally-produced prints and enlargements. An entire room of the gallery will be devoted to an onsite installation through which viewers will be able to walk and that will continue the hidden exposures theme of the show.



NUDE FOOD FOR THE EYES: "Hidden Exposures: A Photographic Study of the Nude," an exhibit of photographs, constructions, and installations by Arlene Shulman that explore the erotic nude opens at Gallery 31 North in Glen Gardner with a reception for the artists on Sunday, May 16 from 1 to 4 p.m.

When asked why she chose to photograph the nude, Ms. Shulman cited the pure and intimate elements: "The love emerges from the tender contact with the surface of what I see. My hope is that when the viewer looks at these photographs, they will have a similar experience [with] their eyes making tender contact with the two-dimensional version of my original exploration."

Gallery 31 North is located on the ground floor of the Historic Hunt House on the corner of Route 31 and Hunt Place in Glen Gardner. Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. For more information, call (908) 537-7044.

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Rosanne Cash

Rosanne Cash, Josh Ritter To Share McCarter Stage

The country singer and Grammy Award winner Rosanne Cash will perform at McCarter Theatre on Friday,

May 14 at 8 p.m. Also on the program will be singer/songwriter Josh Ritter.

After a nearly decade-long hiatus, Ms. Cash released *Rules of Travel* in 2003, a successful album that included guest performers Steve Earle, Sheryl Crow, Jakob Dylan, and her father, the late Johnny Cash. Reviewing the album, *Billboard Magazine* wrote "The intelligence and grace of Rosanne Cash has been largely absent of approach to performing. His late...and for that reason alone, new material from her of *Radio*, showcases gentle is welcome. *Rules of Travel* songs reminiscent of those of revels in inspired musicianship Arlo Guthrie and Leonard and melodic, well-written Cohen. As a result of that CD songs."

Ms. Cash recorded her first album, *Right or Wrong*, in 1979. In the next ten years, she released *Seven Year* Tickets for the concert are *Ache*, which yielded both \$30 to \$35, and may be country and crossover hits; ordered by calling (609) 258-Rhythm and Romance, a 2787 or by visiting fusion of country and pop; www.mccarter.org.

and King's Record Shop, which generated four number-one singles. She was named *Billboard's* Top Singles Artist in 1988.

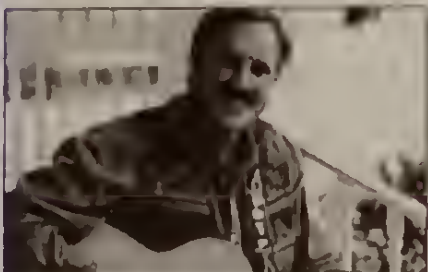
The 1990s saw the release of two highly personal albums, *Interiors* and *The Wheel*, and *10 Song Demo*, released in 1996.

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Mr. Ritter's popularity has grown quickly in the U.S. and Ireland.



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ROSANNE CASH

with Special Guest Josh Ritter

Rosanne Cash defines the word "prolific" - country/rock singer, songwriter and author. Her 11 albums, from 1979's *Right or Wrong*, to last year's *Rules of Travel*, have produced a host of #1 singles plus a Grammy nomination. One of 2003's "discoveries," Josh Ritter's lyrics are reminiscent of Arlo Guthrie, Leonard Cohen and Bob Dylan.

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MUSIC REVIEW

Princeton Pro Musica Celebrates 25th Anniversary Season With Bernstein's 'Chichester Psalms,' Orff's 'Carmina Burana'

Princeton Pro Musica's 25th Anniversary season was built around familiarity: a number of standard masterpieces have been performed this year to celebrate this significant milestone for the 70-voice chorus. Sunday afternoon's season-closing concert in Richardson Auditorium was no exception. Conductor Frances Fowler Slade chose two classics from the choral repertoire, performing with two collaborating ensembles, to end the year with a little flash and color.

Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* contrasts text and musical styles, such as juxtaposing the pastoral words of the 23rd Psalm with "Why do the nations so furiously rage together," text of Psalm 2. In this performance, the block sound of the choral ensemble was relatively solid, although the men (and certainly the tenors) were at times drowned out by the percussion on their side. The women presented a well-blended and clean sound, but the usual Pro Musica precision was missing from the men's sections in this concert. Individual voices could be heard, and the tenor and bass sections as a whole were not as musically cohesive as they could have been.

Bernstein scored the declamation of the 23rd Psalm for boy soprano, which Ms. Slade assigned to the Covenant Singers of the Trenton Children's Chorus, prepared by Sue Ellen Page. These choristers provided a unified sound with good phrasing of the text, as Ms. Slade drew out the ebb and flow of the tune as if savoring the familiarity of Bernstein's melodies.

Four soloists drawn from the chorus, sopranos Carol Ann Blank and Lynn Keefer, tenor Gary Gregg, and bass Michael Beetham, effectively conveyed the tranquil text closing the first movement. Solid instrumental accompaniment was provided by organist Stephen Karr and harpist André Tarantiles, who was especially able to time the percussive effects of the harp exactly with the organ.

Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* is very familiar to Pro Musica audiences. The ensemble has programmed the work every five years or so, sometimes with dance, as it was performed on Sunday. Orff set much of the somewhat randy verses of the 13th century anonymous Latin text in three musical strophes, and the trick is to find variety within these repetitions. Ms. Slade chose to find variety with tempo, an effect that was well suited to the dancers of the Reverence Dance Company and Creation Compagnie D.

Although the men's sections were plagued with the same imprecise entrances as in the Bernstein, the women's sections were solid in their choral duets. Not all of the numbers were choreographed, but those that were added a colorful visual element to the performance. The chorus was accompanied by two pianos, expertly played by Stephen Karr and Robert Ridgell, as well as percussionists James Neglia, Phyllis Bitow, Adrienne Ostrander, Wayne Church and William Trigg.

The baritone role in this piece seems at times as if it should be performed by two singers—one with a high falsetto register and another with the low bass sounds required. In the case of the poem *Dies, Nox et Omnia*, these effects are required in the same vocal number. Baritone Weston Hurt was impressively solid in all of the solos, displaying the operatic fire necessary as well as a very light falsetto when required. His finessed ending to the vicious *Estuons interius* was a particularly effective rendering of a challenging musical passage.

The tenor role is also considered a demanding, although small, role in the repertoire, with quirky vocal effects required to portray a hapless goose being roasted for dinner. Gregory Mercer's command of the difficult register was rock-solid, and he easily manipulated the intricate line. The accompanying dance for this number was comedic (although not necessarily matched with this text), and set up well the tavern numbers that followed.

Of the three soloists, the soprano may have the hardest role of all, drawing the piece together for a two-line pinnacle on a vocal line stretching up to and above high C. Danielle Munsell Howard performed her short solos with sparkle and lightness, and was well on her way to the high D in the most sublime part of the work when a cell phone went off in the balcony (Richardson staff have my permission to confiscate cell phones upon entry to the hall). Needless to say, it was difficult to hear this key part of the work, and Ms. Howard looked justifiably not amused when she sat down.

Ms. Slade brought the two choruses, soloists (who were refreshing newcomers to the Richardson stage), and dance companies together for this final concert as a celebration of Princeton Pro Musica and the community. Although the ensemble sound may not have been perfect, it is clear that the chorus has a solid place in bringing choral masterpieces to Princeton audiences.

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Concert of Baroque Music Set at Unitarian Church

Le Triomphe de l'Amour, New Jersey's chamber ensemble performing music of the Baroque on period instruments, will perform in concert on Saturday, May 22, at 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Church of Princeton.

The program of "Music from Bath" will be drawn from the collection of original editions of 18th century music owned by harpsichordist/organist Eugene Roan and recorder player John Burkhalter. Mr. Burkhalter will give a pre-concert talk at 7:15 p.m. in which he will explore the links between musicians, composers, artists, and literary figures who enjoyed the social season in the English spa town, Bath.

With Mr. Burkhalter's talk providing historical background, the musicians of Le Triomphe de l'Amour will perform a concert of songs and instrumental music by Handel, Arne, Abel, J.C. Bach, Boyce, Chiffoleau, Jackson, and Linley.

The concert will feature soprano Laura Heimes, with

Fran Berge and Dongmyung Ahn, baroque violins; Donna Fournier, viola da gamba; Janet Palumbo, harpsichord; and Mr. Burkhalter, recorder.

Included on the program will be two songs from Handel's oratorio Judas Macchaboeus, two songs from Thomas Linley's pastoral opera The Gentle Shepherd, By my Sighs by Bach, and English songs by William Jackson and Thomas Arne. The instrumental works will include two trio sonatas by William Boyce and the Suite in D minor for viola da gamba by Abel.

Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for senior citizens, \$5 for students. For information, call (609) 252-0522.

May Concerts to Conclude Music Season at McCarter

McCarter Theatre will conclude its 2003-04 music series with two May concerts, the first featuring the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra on Monday, May 10 at 8 p.m.; the second with pianist Garrick Ohlsson on Monday, May 17 at 8 p.m.

The Orpheus Chamber Orchestra will perform Tan Dun's Concerto for Pipa with soloist Zhang Qiang, and string orchestra works by Bartok, Respighi, and Ravel.

The Orpheus Chamber Orchestra is celebrating its 30th season with concerts in North America, Europe and Asia. The centerpiece of each Orpheus season is its five-concert series at Carnegie Hall. The orchestra's numerous awards include a 2001 Grammy Award for Shostakovich's Minotaur, and the 1998 Ensemble of the Year award by Musical America.

Tickets for Orpheus are \$39 and \$42.

The following Monday will bring the celebrated American pianist, Mr. Ohlsson, who will perform works by Beethoven, Martinu and Scriabin.



Garrick Ohlsson

Winner of the 1970 Chopin International Piano Competition, Mr. Ohlsson has established himself internationally as a musician of great interpretive and technical prowess. He has appeared during the past year with the Boston Symphony, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the San Francisco Symphony, the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, and the symphony orchestras of Cincinnati, Vancouver, Dayton, Tucson and Memphis. Abroad, he has performed as guest soloist with the Orchestre National de France, the London Philharmonic Orches-

tra, the Czech Philharmonic, the Berlin Symphony, and the Hong Kong Philharmonic.

Tickets for Mr. Ohlsson are \$32, \$35 and \$38.

To order tickets by phone, call (609) 258-2787.

Medeski, Martin & Wood Visit McCarter Saturday

The instrumental trio Medeski, Martin & Wood will perform a one-night-only concert this Saturday, May 8 at 8 p.m. at McCarter Theatre. The program will offer an improvisational evening of music that bridges the gap between jazz and hip-hop.

Keyboardist John Medeski, drummer Billy Martin and bassist Chris Wood have been described by Billboard Magazine as "masterful improvisers in the truest of jazz traditions."

The trio's albums — notably their 1998 album Combustion and their 2000 release The Dropper — have won them a following among both rock and progressive jazz audiences. Their latest release, Uninvisible, is the result of in-studio spontaneity which the band describes as "the music of late-night contemplation and coffee-shop philosophy."

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"PIED PIPER": The Grammy Award-winning folk singer Tom Chapin will return to McCarter Theatre for a family concert this Saturday, May 8 at 11 a.m. Described by Parents Magazine as "the Pied Piper of children's music," Mr. Chapin has received awards from the American Library Association, Parent's Choice, New York Music Awards, and National Association of Parenting Publications. His narration of "Mama Don't Allow" and "There was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly" earned Grammy Awards for best spoken word album for children. Tickets, \$15, may be ordered by calling (609) 258-2787.

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This program is designed for serious theatre students. Auditions will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Actors should prepare a classical monologue; Shakespeare is preferred. For a time slot or additional information, call (609) 921-3682.

George Street Playhouse To Host Ballet Company

American Repertory Ballet has scheduled two weeks of performances at New Brunswick's George Street Playhouse, May 14 through 23. The company will perform two different programs, one each weekend.

"I am thrilled that we can offer such a wide sampling of our repertory to New Brunswick audiences," said ARB artistic director Graham Lustig. "I encourage everyone to see the vibrant and athletic directions we are taking ballet."

Performances will be Friday, May 14 at 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday May 15 and 16 at 2 p.m.; then Friday, May 21 at 8 p.m., Saturday, May 22 at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sunday, May 23, at 2 p.m.

The first program, May 14 through 16, will feature the company premiere of *Uncertain Steps* by Mr. Lustig, Amy Seiwert's *Monopoly*, ballet mistress Elaine Kudo's *Opposites Distract*, and Mr. Lustig's newest work, *Vista*. *Uncertain Steps* will be danced to the live musical accompaniment of Bach's *Solo Cello Suite No. 6*.

The second program, May 21 through May 23, will feature *Opposites Distract*, Mr. Lustig's *The Shrew*, and a ballet by Dominique Dumais.

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PRACTICE TUTORIAL: Kate Fry will star as Eliza Doolittle opposite Michael Cumpsty as Prof. Henry Higgins in McCarter Theatre's upcoming production of the classic musical 'My Fair Lady.' Here, the pair practice ahead of performances that begin May 4 prior to an official opening May 12. The musical is based on George Bernard Shaw's 'Pygmalion,' and features lyrics and music by Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe. (Photo by George Vogel)



ASCOT HATS: Five cast members practice the scene at Ascot in 'My Fair Lady,' which begins performances at McCarter's Berilind Theatre May 4. Seen here, from left, are Brenda Martindale as Mrs. Eynsford-Hill, Jane Connell as Mrs. Higgins, Kate Fry, who stars as Eliza Doolittle, Jim Stanek as Freddy Eynsford-Hill, and Stephen Mo Hanan as Lord Boxington. The limited engagement runs through June 27. Tickets, priced \$32-\$50, are available by calling (609) 258-2787. (Photo by George Vogel)



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"PRODUCERS" PARODISTS: Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick they're not, but their parody of "The Producers" will also entertain music lovers this Saturday, May 8, when the Princeton Garden Statesmen Barber Shop Chorus presents its new show, "Fortuitous Flops," at Rider University's Yvonne Theatre. Shown rehearsing the show, from left, are Garden Statesmen Marty Lavene, Jim Danner, and Dr. John Hagaman. A not-for-profit organization, Princeton Garden Statesmen belongs to the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. This year's show, the chorus's 35th annual, will have two performances, at 2 and 8 p.m. For tickets, which are \$12, call (609) 252-1515. The Yvonne Theatre is located at 2083 Lawrenceville Road, Lawrenceville.



"MIRACLE WORKER": Anabelle DeClement of Princeton, right, will play the role of Helen Keller opposite Lisa Alford, left, as Anne Sullivan, in William Gibson's "The Miracle Worker", May 7 through 23 at the Somerset Valley Theatre. The cast will include blind children from Princeton. Performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$13, or \$11 for seniors and students. To order, call (908) 369-7469. The Somerset Valley Theatre is located at 689 Amwell Road in Somerville.

Triangle's Spring Comedy This Weekend at Frist

The Triangle Club of Princeton University will perform its annual spring show this Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8, in the Film and Performance Theater at Frist Campus Center. There will be two performances each night, at 7 and 9 p.m.

Titled *Rude Olympics VI: Weapons of Mass Distraction*, the comedic revue will be directed by Triangle Club alumni Eric Bland '02 and Jesse Liebman '03. Featuring endangered pandas, jabs at oil-driven politics, and a stand-up peanut, the show is true to Triangle's satirical tradition. Some material may be inappropriate for young children.

The Triangle Club is the nation's oldest collegiate musical comedy troupe, and the only college group that creates an original, student-written musical each year that is presented on a national tour. The shows are conceived, written, produced, and performed by Princeton undergraduates. A blend of tradition and innovation, the Triangle Club show is famous for its all-male drag kickline.

The Triangle Club performs an original full-length musical each November at McCarter Theater, then undertakes a ten-day tour around the country in December.

The *Rude Olympics* is a recent spring tradition, which showcases writing talent in a smaller venue.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the Frist Campus Center box office or by calling (609) 258-1742.

The Frist Campus Center is located at the intersection of Washington Road and Prospect Avenue.

Off-Broadstreet Theatre Schedules Murder Mystery

Foul play is suspected in the latest Off-Broadstreet Theatre production, *Murder by the Book*, by Duncan Greenwood and Robert King. The suspenseful drama will open Friday, May 14, and run through June 19.

A writer's imagination, an intuitive secretary, a love triangle, and an amateur sleuth all figure in the picture as *Murder by the Book's* mystery unfolds.

OBT artistic director Robert Thick has cast Tom Stevenson of Princeton as the mystery writer and book reviewer Selwyn, who also enjoys witty repartee and intuitive games. Mr. Stevenson has appeared in recent OBT productions of *Comping with Henry* and *Tom and Private Lives*.

Steve Lobs, last seen at OBT as the befuddled best man in *A Perfect Wedding*, will return as John Douglass, Selwyn's publisher.

Making her OBT debut in the role of Imogen Piper is Janet Gray of Titusville. Also making debuts with *Murder by the Book* are Lauren Brader of Hillsborough and Erik Ransom of Franklin.

The Off-Broadstreet Theatre ticket also includes dessert before the show.

Murder by the Book performances will be Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., with dessert at 7 p.m.; and Sundays at 2:30 p.m., with dessert at 1:30 p.m.

Admission Friday and Sunday is \$22.50, Saturday \$24. A senior citizen discount is available for Sunday matinees. For reservations call (609) 466-2766.

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CINEMA REVIEW

"Envy"

Ben Stiller and Jack Black Play Best Buddies in a Bad Comedy

Jack Black and Ben Stiller are a couple of comic actors at the top of their game. Ben has already enjoyed a couple of hit movies earlier this year in *Along Came Polly* and *Storky & Hutch*. Black starred in one of the best movies of 2003 as the substitute teacher who inspired a class of uptight 10 year-old prep students to unleash their inner pop stars in *School of Rock*.

Since these comedians were under the tutelage of director Barry Levinson for this film, much was expected of their collaboration with the six-time Academy Award nominee. Levinson, who won an Oscar for *Rain Man* in 1989, has an impressive résumé with screen classics such as *Bugsy*, *The Notorious B.I.G.*, *Diner*, and *Justice for All*, *Wag the Dog*, and *Tin Men*.

However, *Envy*, is perhaps the biggest disappointment of the year.

The first job of any comedy is to make its audience laugh, and this feature falls miserably in that regard. At my screening, it actually elicited a smattering of boos as the closing credits began to roll.

The major problem is the script, which is neither funny nor coherent, followed closely by the miscasting of Black, who had made a name for himself by playing a string of irrepressibly devilish characters. In *Envy* he plays Nick Vanderpark, a subdued suburbanite stuck in an unsatisfying job as a middle manager at a 3M sandpaper factory.

Stiller is equally ill cast as Tim Dingman, Nick's best friend, next door neighbor, and carpooling co-worker. Early on we learn that Nick is a dreamer who comes up with one get rich quick scheme after another, whereas conservative Tim prefers to climb the corporate ladder to success.

The fun begins when Nick invents Pooperize, a miracle spray which makes dog poop disappear instantaneously. Tim turns down his pal's offer to be 50-50 partners in the enterprise for a mere \$2,000 investment. He is later envious after the cockamamie idea becomes a success.

The Vanderparks become gazillionaires overnight and indulge themselves in all the gaudy trappings of the nouveau riche. Tim, in turn, behaves like the jealous guy who can no longer keep up with the Joneses. After he accidentally kills his friend's prized pet horse, he is blackmailed by a mysterious drifter (Christopher Walken) who appears out of nowhere.

Nonetheless, Walken, whose wry sense of humor alone can often save a bad situation, cannot help the film. *Envy's* implausible plotline, seasick cinematography, and absence of humorous moments add up to an irritating, insulting experience which explains why Dreamworks decided to delay the film's release for a year.

It should have been left on the shelf.

Poor (0 stars). Rated PG-13 for profanity, sexuality and crude humor.

—Kam Williams



STILL FRIENDS BEFORE THE ENVY BEGINS: Natalie and Nick Vanderpark (Amy Poehler and Jack Black, left) and Tim and Debbie Dingman (Ben Stiller and Rachel Weisz), next door neighbors and best friends, are about to discover the fate of Nick's invention.

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AT THE CINEMA

Bobby Jones: Stroke of Genius (PG for mild epithets). Jim Caviezel stars in the title role of this biography of the revered golfing legend who retired in 1930, at 28, after winning all 4 Grand Slam events.

Bon Voyage (PG-13 for violence). Gerard Depardieu headlines this World War II melodrama about the plight of four French citizens just prior to the fall of Paris. In French with subtitles.

Clifford's Really Big Movie (G). The big red canine of children's book and PBS fame arrives on the big screen for an adventure in which he is off to the circus where he makes lots of new friends and tries to win a lifetime supply of dog food.

Connie and Corlo (PG-13 for adult themes, off-color humor, and drug references). Remake of *Some Like It Hot* has Nia Vardalos and Toni Collette starring as struggling dinner theater performers who, after witnessing a mob hit, decide to masquerade as drag queens while on the run from the Mafia.

Ello Enchanted (PG for crude humor and mild epithets). It's Cinderella revisited in this screen adaptation of the Newberry Award-winning young adult novel of the same name by Gail Carson Levine. Fantasy revolves around Ella (Anne Hathaway), an otherwise obedient girl out to thwart her evil stepmother's plan to marry off one of her own daughters to a charming prince.

Envy (PG-13 for profanity and for crude and sexual humor). Barry Levinson directs this buddy comedy starring Jack Black as a fledgling inventor whose lifelong bond with his best friend (Ben Stiller) breaks after he finally strikes it rich with a contraption which makes dog poop disappear into thin air. With Ving Rhames, Christopher Walken, and Rachel Weisz.

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind (R for sex, expletives, and drug use). Kate Winslet and Jim Carrey are a couple who are trying to save their struggling relationship by undergoing a procedure which is supposed to erase only their bad memories of each other. With Kirsten Dunst, Mark Ruffalo, and Elijah Wood.

Godsend (PG-13 for adult themes, violence, frightening images, and one sex scene). Sci-fi horror film with Rebecca Romijn-Stamos and Greg Kinnear as a grieving couple who approach a stem cell researcher (Robert De Niro) to bring their dead son back to life via an illegal experimental cloning process.

Hellboy (PG-13 for supernatural violence and frightening images). Adapted from *Seed of Destruction*, the first in the *Hellboy* series of graphic novels by Mike Mignola, this sci-fi film revolves around a demonic superhero created when a 1944 Nazi experiment goes wrong.

Home on the Range (PG for crude humor). Disney animated adventure about a bunch of bovines who hatch a plan to save themselves from being shipped to a meat-packing plant. Voiceover provided by Dame Judi Dench, Roseanne, Cuba Gooding, Steve Buscemi, and Jennifer Tilly.

Intermission (R for sex, violence, and profanity). Bittersweet ensemble comedy interweaves 11 love relationships in a web of love and betrayal, all set against the backdrop of present-day Dublin.

Kill Bill, Volume 2 (R for profanity, violence, and drug use). Uma Thurman returns to continue her bloody rampage to conclude Quentin Tarantino's thriller about a bride left for dead at her own wedding out to even the score with her would-be assassins. With David Carradine in the title role.

The Ladykillers (R for profanity and sexual references). Coen Bros. remake of the 1955 crime comedy stars Tom Hanks as a professor-turned-gang leader who decides to try to murder his landlady after she gets wind of his plans to rob a New Orleans riverboat casino.

Laws of Attraction (PG-13 for sex and expletives). This battle of the sexes romantic romp is reminiscent of *Adam's Rib* (1949), the Hepburn-Tracy classic. Update has Julianne Moore and Pierce Brosnan as lovers squaring-off in court as attorneys on opposite sides of a high profile divorce case.

Mon on Fire (R for profanity and graphic violence). Remake of the 1987 thriller based on the A.J. Quinnell novel of the same name. Action film features Denzel Washington as an ex Marine turned bodyguard bent on revenge after the kidnap and murder of the 10 year-old girl from the wealthy family he'd been hired to protect.

Mean Girls (PG-13 for sex, profanity, and underage partying). Lindsay Lohan stars in this revenge comedy created by Saturday Night Live's Tina Fey about a new teen in town who gets blacklisted after she crosses a clique of vindictive witches at her new high school.

Monseigneur Ibrahim (R for sexual content). Adapted from the historical novel by Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt, this morality play, set in Paris in the 1960s, revolves around the heartwarming relationship between an elderly Arab deli owner and a 13-year old Jewish kid called Momo. In French with subtitles.

New York Minute (PG for adult themes and some sensuality). This day-in-the-life film features Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen as identical twins who cut class for a madcap misadventure around New York City which takes them from Chinatown to Times Square to Harlem as they elude assassins, politicians, and their truant officer (Eugene Levy).

The Prince and Me (PG for some sex-related references and mild epithets). Cinderella style fairy tale starring Julia Stiles as a motorcycle riding, pre-med student who falls in love with a rebellious classmate (Luke Mably), unaware that he's actually the Prince of Denmark. With Miranda Richardson as the Queen Mother.

The Punisher (R for brutal violence, profanity, and nudity). Thomas Jane stars in the adaptation of the Marvel Superhero Comic about a mild-mannered ex-marine who turns into a crime fighting vigilante after his wife and kids are murdered by mobsters. With John Travolta, Hulk Hogan, and Rebecca Romijn-Stamos.

Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG for scary sequences and rude humor). Another live action animated mix adaptation of the TV cartoon series with Freddie Prinze, Jr. and Sarah Michelle Gellar reprising their roles as Fred and Daphne, respectively. The Great Dane detective and crew tackle the case of the anonymous masked crook who is trying to take over the city of Coolsville with a monster making machine.

13 Going on 30 (PG-13 for slight sexual content and drug references). Jennifer Garner stars in this romantic fantasy about an awkward pre-teen who makes a wish for her 13th birthday while locked in a closet by cruel kids. The ugly duckling emerges as a sexy, successful, 29 year-old magazine editor with a live-in beau she doesn't even know.

Von Helsing (PG-13 for sensuality and non-stop violence with frightening images). \$150 million production based on the Bram Stoker character. Set in the 19th Century, Hugh Jackman stars in the title role as a vampire hunter who heads to Eastern Europe to take on Dracula, the Wolfman, and Frankenstein with the help of a fair maiden (Kate Beckinsale).

—Kam Williams

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5 Rutgers Students Arrested in Theft Of Eating Club Rug

A police officer's suspicious nature led to the arrest of five Rutgers University students on April 29, after the car in which they were traveling together was stopped for speeding on Nassau Street. The arresting officer, Sgt. Sharon Papp, noticed a rolled-up Oriental rug in the car's rear passenger compartment, checked out the students' explanation for possessing it, then charged the men with receiving stolen property after their story proved false.

The carpet, the students admitted, belonged to the Princeton University eating club Cap & Gown. But their allegation that they had been asked to get the rug cleaned proved to be untrue. Officials from the club told police the Rutgers students had been

invited guests at the club, but had not been given permission to remove the rug. The five men charged were Kevin Foley, 20, of Pennsville; Alexander Kanevsky, 18, of Edison; Christopher Rider, 20, of West Hartford, Conn.; John Schiller-Cifelli, 19, of Ewing; and Vincent Caravano, 20, of Hillside.

The rug was returned to Cap & Gown. The students were released on their own recognizance after being issued complaint summonses to appear on May 10 in Princeton Borough Municipal Court.

An improper turn on Nassau Street on May 1 led to another arrest involving all of the vehicle's occupants. The driver of the car, Jermain Hunt, was issued a summons for the improper turn and for driving with a suspended license. His passengers, meanwhile, were arrested on separate charges. One of them, Orlando J. Kane of Mantua, was found to have outstanding traffic warrants against him from Florence and Mansfield Townships. The other man, Carl R.

McKinney of Trenton, was charged with hindering his own apprehension after he allegedly gave the arresting officer a false name. He, too, was wanted on a traffic warrant, in his case from Trenton. All three men were released after being assigned May 10 court dates.

Another Prospect Avenue eating club, Ivy Club, was the scene of a May 2 arrest for contempt of court. Borough Police had been summoned to the scene at 2:49 a.m. to break up a fistfight involving three men. By the time police arrived the fight was over, but one of the three men involved, Michael A. Abernathy, 21, of Plainsboro, was found to be wanted on an outstanding traffic warrant from Princeton Township. He was escorted to Police Headquarters and released after posting bail of \$545.

A gas main break near Harry's Brook Bridge on the Princeton-Kingston Road resulted in the road being closed for approximately an hour during the late morning of April 27. The break

occurred when a backhoe operator from Renco Construction accidentally struck the submerged 6-inch high-pressure gas main while removing debris from a work-site. The Princeton Fire Department, Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad, and PSE&G were dispatched to the scene, and remained there until PSE&G repairmen closed the gas main valves and declared the area safe. There were no injuries or complaints resulting from the break.

A Kingston man was arrested on Witherspoon Street on April 30 after Borough Police determined that he was driving an unregistered — and as it turned out, uninsured — pickup truck. Carlos S. Paz, 25, was also

charged with presenting a fake California driver's license to the police officer. He was issued summonses for both offenses.

A pedestrian stop at 11 p.m. on April 27 led to the arrest of Eugene V. Gurarie of Harris Road on active motor vehicle warrants from Princeton Borough and Hamilton Township. He was released after posting bail of \$995.

James A. Michaud, 28, of Maple Terrace, was arrested shortly before 1 a.m. on April 30 after he was seen walking on Nassau Street with an open container of alcohol. Subsequently found to be wanted on a contempt of court warrant from Spotswood Municipal Court.

he was turned over to the Spotswood Police Department in lieu of \$265 bail. He was also issued a summons for violating a Borough ordinance against drinking in public.

Five drivers were arrested during the month of April on charges of driving while intoxicated: Iris Kramer, 76, of Cherry Hill Road, on April 7; Richard J. Hooley, 26, of Plainsboro, on April 12; Lorraine Isolda, 47, of Staten Island, on April 15; Philip L. Ferguson, 38, of West Windsor, on April 23; and Christopher M. Millnowicz, of Trenton, on April 30.

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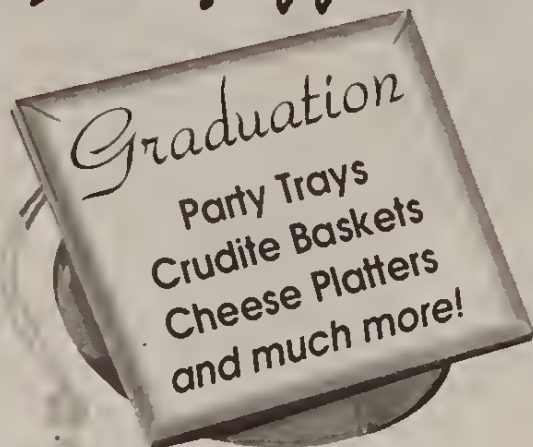
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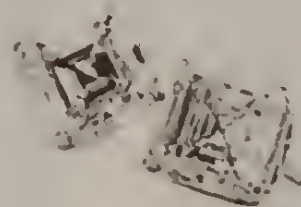
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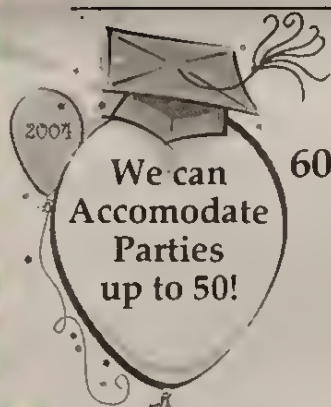
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Sports

Kolodner's Coolness Under Fire in Goal a Key As Tiger Women's Lax Produces 16-0 Record

It didn't take long for Sarah Kolodner to demonstrate to her teammates on the Princeton University women's lacrosse team that she possesses a special poise. Three games into her freshman season in 2002, Kolodner became the Tigers' starting goalie. Playing like a grizzled veteran, Kolodner posted a 5.85 goals against average and went 18-0 in the net as Princeton won the NCAA title.



PERFECT STORM: Princeton senior defensive star Katie Norbury races past a Dartmouth player in the Tigers' 13-4 rout of the Big Green on April 24. The Tigers nipped Brown 5-4 last Saturday to improve to 16-0 overall and 7-0 in Ivy play, thereby positing the program's first-ever perfect regular season. The top-ranked Tigers, the two-time defending national champions who are riding a program-record 25-game winning streak, will start NCAA play on May 13.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Last season, Kolodner's steadying presence was a major factor as she gave up just 6.23 goals a game in helping the Tigers to a second straight national crown.

Last Wednesday, Kolodner gave the latest demonstration of her coolness under fire as she gamely withstood a barrage of shots from powerful Maryland in a highly anticipated match-up between the programs that have won the last 10 NCAA titles.

The junior from Cold Spring Harbor came up with 10 saves, many of them on point-blank shots as the top-ranked Tigers edged the No. 4 Terps 8-7 in double overtime before 1,311 at Class of 1952 Stadium.

The Tigers needed all of Kolodner's heroics as Maryland battled back from a 7-4 deficit to force overtime. The goalie came up with perhaps her biggest stop of the night when she turned away Maryland star Kelly Coppedge late in the first overtime.

Afterward, Kolodner acknowledged that she had relished the challenge of

taking on Maryland's high-octane attack. "They had some great attackers," said the unflappable Kolodner, who picked up five saves last Saturday as Princeton edged Brown 5-4 to end the regular season at 16-0 overall and 7-0 in Ivy play. "I don't know if any team has had a run on us like they did late in the second half. I thought our defense played unbelievably throughout the game."

For Kolodner, the game against Maryland was just another learning experience in her progress in the cage. "I'm

always learning more and getting better," said Kolodner, whose regular season goals against average of 5.93 puts her at the head of the class among her peers. "The more experience I have, the better I feel. This year as opposed to my freshman year and last year, I know the way our defense should be run."

Princeton head coach Chris Sailer certainly feels good about having Kolodner as her team's last line of defense. "Sarah had some really big saves tonight, it made a difference for us," said Sailer, whose club extended its program-record winning streak to 25 with the win over Brown and now waits to find out who it will face in the NCAA tourney which starts on May 13.

"I thought she backed us up really well tonight. I think this was a great game for her going into the post-season. She's had a good stretch the last few weeks."

In Sailer's view, her club will benefit collectively from withstanding the challenge presented by Maryland, a program which won seven straight NCAA titles between 1995-2001.

"It was a tough one for us, things weren't



COOL CUSTOMER: Princeton junior goalie Sarah Kolodner makes a save in the Tigers' win over Cornell last month. With the unflappable Kolodner having posted a 5.93 goals against average, Princeton's defense has been a major factor as the top-ranked Tigers finished the regular season with a 16-0 mark after edging Brown 5-4 last Saturday.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

going our way for a good bit of that game," explained Sailer. "It was good for us to play this close a game against a team that plays so smart. The defensive effort was fantastic, holding them to seven goals. We were so alert and on top of things. We had to really rise to the occasion."

The toughness the Tigers showed against the Terps came in handy three days later against Brown as Princeton fought back from a second-half deficit to edge the Bears on a Lindsey Biles' tally and complete the program's first-ever perfect regular season.

Kolodner, for her part, is more than ready for the post-season. "We're just really excited," said Kolodner. "We just want to make sure that we're going to be at our best with the Final Four being here."

While Kolodner's excitement is understandable, the Tigers' chances for a three-peat may rest on their netminder's unique coolness under fire.

—Bill Alden

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Sparked by Young's Mental Approach, Tiger Baseball Back in Ivy Title Series

Utilizing a Zen-like approach to baseball, Princeton University senior infielder Steve Young has gone from an unheralded prospect to one of the top players in the Ivy League.

Living in the moment and not letting his mind stray into the next inning, Young has seen his batting average progress from .214 as a sophomore to .287 as a junior to his current figure of .377.

Sparking the team from his lead-off spot in the order, the fleet 5'9, 165-pound native of Granada Hills, Calif. has scored a team-high 40 runs and leads the Tigers with 14 stolen bases.

Last weekend, Young played a key role as Princeton took three out of four from Cornell to clinch the program's ninth straight Gehrig Division crown. Young and his mates will play Rolfe Division winner Dartmouth this weekend in the best-of-three in the Ivy League Championship Series and the winner will get the Ivy League's automatic berth in the upcoming NCAA tournament.

In reflecting on his progress, Young believes it has come down to sharpening his focus. "I just try to go from pitch-to-pitch," explained Young. "Even when I'm out there in the field, I focus on this pitch, this moment. I think that has also helped at the plate, just clearing my mind."

Young credits Princeton head coach Scott Bradley with creating the type of environment that has allowed him to thrive.

"I just feel really fortunate to be playing for Coach Bradley," said Young. "I love the way he is, he just lets his players play without a lot of pressure. Sure we all want to win but he's not going to yell at you every single time you make a mistake."

As a result of Bradley's encouragement, Young has learned to battle through the slumps that inevitably come with playing baseball.

"To play this game, you have to be even-keeled," added Young. "You can have up days, you can have down

days but if you keep that mental approach the same every day you come out here, you need to cherish all the at-bats, all the plays, and good things will happen."

Bradley has certainly cherished his time with Young. "Stevie has been unbelievable," asserted Bradley, a former major league catcher who is in his seventh year guiding the Tigers. "Stevie is an absolute baseball player. He does everything well. With his instincts, his leadership, Stevie may be the best we've ever had here in terms of intangibles."

Young's attitude and resulting improvement has seen his stock rise in the baseball world. "For someone who came in here without a lot of accolades like Stevie, I think you're going to get a chance to see someone play pro ball," said Bradley whose squad has gone 24-18 overall and 12-8 in Ivy play. "He's got as good a mental approach to baseball as any player I've been around at any level. I think the scouts have seen that."

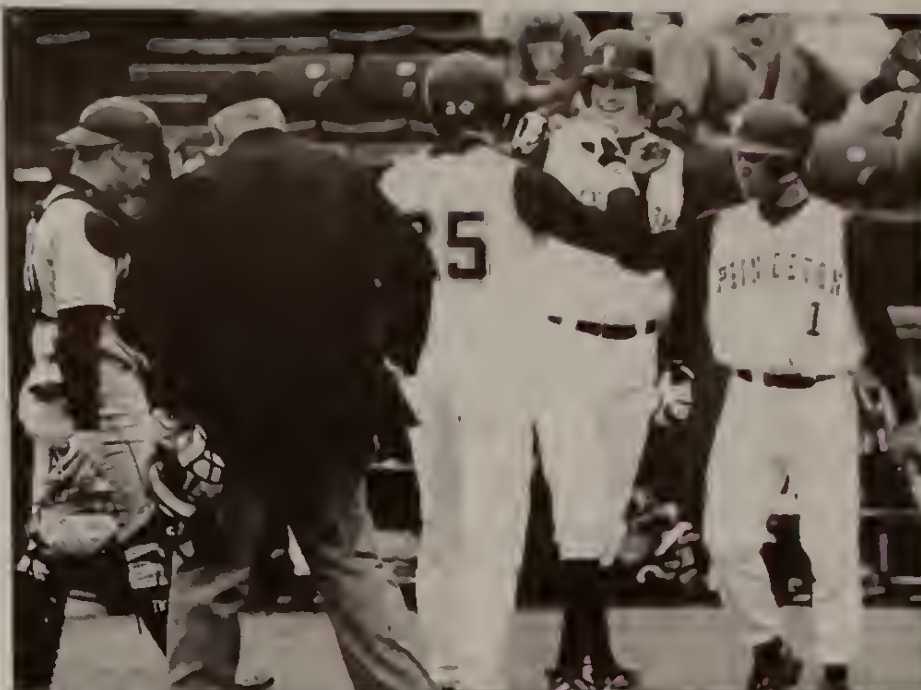
Bradley knows his team will have to bring a sharp mental approach this weekend into the ILCS if they are to topple the Big Green, who are 25-14 overall with a 15-5 Ivy mark. "We're still kind of a streaky team, especially offensively," acknowledged Bradley. "We just have to play solid and hit. This is what we shoot for. When we sat down at the beginning of the year, we talked about putting ourselves in a position to play for a chance to go to the NCAA tournament."

While Bradley would've preferred to have seen his team post the best Ivy record and earn the home field advantage for the series as it did last year when it bested Harvard, he doesn't believe that playing for the title on the road will faze his squad.

"We've only played 13 games at home all year," said Bradley with a smile. "We will have had 30 games on the road after we play Rider on Wednesday so going on the road doesn't make a difference for us. In fact, I think, our guys might be more comfortable in gray."

Young believes the team's post-season experience will give it a comfort level in the showdown with Dartmouth. "A lot of us have been in this position before," said Young.

"Every year, we've been in the Ivy League championship series, I think that's a big advantage for us. You have to



RALLY TIME: Princeton senior Infielder Steve Young, far right, celebrates with B.J. Szymanski and Andrew Salini (No. 25) after the Tigers scored in their split with Dartmouth earlier in the season. Young has compiled a .377 batting average to help spark the Tigers who will play at Dartmouth this weekend in the best-of-three Ivy League Championship Series.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

keep doing what got you here. If Young's teammates can weekend up in New Even though this is for the emulate his ability to focus on Hampshire. championship, you have to the moment, they may enjoy some special moments this

—Bill Alden



ARMED FOR SUCCESS: Princeton junior pitcher Ross Ohlendorf fires a pitch in action earlier this spring. Ohlendorf should be a pivotal figure this weekend as Princeton, the Gehrig Division champs with a 24-18 overall record and a 12-8 mark in Ivy League play, head up to Dartmouth, the Rolfe Division winners, to play in the best-of-three game Ivy title series.

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Princeton Men's Lax Uses Canniness, Skill To Edge Dartmouth and Stay in Ivy Race

The combination of coach Bill Tierney's canniness and the skill of senior attacker Ryan Boyle made the difference last Saturday as the Princeton University men's lacrosse team escaped Dartmouth with a crucial Ivy League victory.

By virtue of edging the Big Green 10-8, Princeton improved to 8-3 overall and 4-1 in Ivy League play and stayed alive in the league title chase as it trails Cornell, which finished with a 5-1 Ivy mark and has clinched at least a share of the crown as well as the league's automatic berth to the NCAA tournament.

Hall of Fame coach Tierney helped turned the tide of the nip-and-tuck battle with a successful illegal stick challenge in the third quarter while Boyle scored two goals and had four assists to pace Princeton's attack.

Tierney admitted that the stick challenge was something he was holding up his sleeve after noticing Russell Radebaugh's illegal stick in warm-ups. Tierney decided to play the penalty card after Radebaugh scored a goal that apparently put Dartmouth up 7-6.

The officials granted Tierney's challenge, wiping away the goal and giving Princeton a three-minute non-releasable penalty. Princeton took advantage of the windfall by scoring on goals by Boyle and Drew Casino to take an 8-6 lead.

"I saw it before the game," said Tierney in his post-game media comments as he reflected on the penalty. "I think it gave us a spark. We were up 5-1, turned the ball over, and then didn't see it again it seemed until it was 5-5. Then it was 6-6 for a long time. I feel very fortunate to win the game. We did the things we had to do at the right time, but Dartmouth is very, very good."

Boyle, for his part, hit the field motivated by the desire to get some measure of payback against the Big Green, who pulled off a 13-6 stunner over the Tigers last spring at Class of 1952 Stadium.

"I watched the tape of that game this week and I couldn't sit through it," recalled Boyle. "Their goalie [Andrew Goldstein] is the kind of goalie who can get into your head. He does a lot to throw off your shot, and then you start thinking about every shot you take."

In addition to Boyle's output, Jason Doneger, Peter Trombino, and Casino each scored twice. Trombino broke a school record for consecutive games with at least one goal to start a freshman year as his goals meant that he has scored in all 11 games of his career.

Boyle, who made some history himself as he moved past Jesse Hubbard into third place all-time in scoring at Princeton with 213 points, made no bones about the urgency of the squad's situation.

"I told the team that as far as I was concerned, the playoffs started for us with this game," said Boyle, who will be looking to lead Princeton to another win as it plays at Brown on May 8. "This was a very tough game."

And in winning, Princeton



BOYLE-ING POINT: Princeton senior All-American attacker Ryan Boyle looks for an opening in the Tigers' 12-11 overtime loss to Cornell on April 24. Last Saturday, Boyle scored two goals and had four assists as Princeton edged Dartmouth 10-8. The win improved the Tigers to 8-3 overall and 4-1 in Ivy play. If the Tigers win their regular season finale at Brown on May 8, they will share the league title with Cornell.

(Photo by Bill Allen/WJ SportAction)

showed that it has the shrewdness and skill to come through in such contests.

—Bill Alden

Princeton Softball Splits With Columbia

Finishing its Ivy League schedule, the Princeton University softball team split a doubleheader against visiting Columbia last Saturday.

After falling 5-1 in the opener, Princeton took the nightcap 10-8 as Melissa Finley hit a game-winning homer in the bottom of the ninth to cap a dramatic comeback which saw the Tigers battle back from an 8-3 deficit.

The split left Princeton at 23-22 overall and with a final Ivy mark of 7-7. The Tigers were scheduled to conclude their season with a doubleheader at Rider on May 4.

Tiger Crew Teams Enjoy Solid Weekend

The Princeton University crew program produced several fine performances last weekend as it finished regular season competition.

The Tiger women's top open crew topped George Washington and Fordham last

Saturday at Lake Carnegie to the 110 hurdles, taking second with a time of 14:34. The women's lightweight crew rebounded from a recent loss to Radcliffe by beating Bucknell last Saturday.

The Princeton men's No. 1 heavyweight boat, meanwhile, easily beat Brown last Saturday at Lake Carnegie, topping the Bears by more than seven seconds. The top men's lightweight boat, however, placed 4:29.09, Carrie Strickland third in the Goldwalt Cup as it took first in the steeplechase in 10:37.44 and Liz Morse triumphed in the 800 as she clocked a time of 2:09.70.

In upcoming action, the women's boats head to Camden, N.J. this weekend to battle in the Eastern Sprints. The Tiger men compete in the Easterns on May 16 at Worcester, Mass.

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The Princeton Ivy champion women's golf team learned last week that it will be one of 21 schools competing in the 2004 NCAA Central Regional Golf Tournament from May 5-8 at the Illinois State University golf course.

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TAKING FLIGHT: Princeton High midfielder Amanda Sustak, second from left, flies after the ball in the Little Tigers' defeat to Stuart last month. Sustak's hard work in the midfield has helped PHS win five of its last seven games as it battles to earn a berth in the upcoming state public school tournament.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



TRAINING GROUND: Princeton High star attacker Louise Finnell, left, hones her skills in a recent practice session. Finnell has scored a team-high 36 goals for 5-4 PHS, who plays at Lawrenceville on May 6.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

PHS Girls' Lacrosse Having Fun As it Battles for Berth in States

For Louise Finnell, lightening things up a bit has helped the Princeton High girls' lacrosse team find a rhythm.

With senior attacker Finnell leading the way with 36 goals, the Little Tigers have rebounded from a 0-2 start to stand at 5-4 after their 17-8 win over Willingboro last Saturday.

"I used to really feel the pressure to make the states," said Finnell after firing in four goals in PHS' recent 14-0 whitewash of Ewing.

"I realized recently that it's more about having fun as a team. We started out pressure, pressure and we'd be nagging each other. We've tried to relax a little bit and I think that's really helped our team."

The squad's more laid-back approach has translated into a renewed enthusiasm and cohesion. "Our team has really gotten psyched up for our games recently," maintained Finnell, who was also a high scorer for the PHS girls' ice hockey team this past winter.

"People are making signs and having break meetings. It's helped us come together as a team and play together on the field."

Longtime PHS head coach Joyce Jones believes the team's disappointing 14-6 loss to Stuart on April 7 helped refocus her group.

"An alarm went off after that game," said Jones. "We knew we had some work to do with our midfield play, our ground ball possessions and setting up our scoring plays."

Jones believes that Finnell has certainly done her part in helping PHS right its ship. "Our goal for Louise is to score goals and get more assists," said Jones of her attacker who has been credited with six assists.

"She knows when to be selfish and put the ball in. There are teams that double-team her and she's been working on feeding to the open players. She has been looking more for passing opportunities."

Another factor that has keyed PHS' recent surge is the return of high-scoring Lisa Hayes, who had been sidelined early as she recovered from a broken leg suffered during soccer season.

"That was very good news, it was a little touch and go," said a smiling Jones, referring to the recovery of the gritty Hayes, who has already piled

up 25 points despite her late start this spring.

"Lisa was our second top scorer last year so we welcomed her with open arms. She's a very tenacious player. She's focused and she generates that among her teammates. She and Kate Denny in the midfield bring that tenacity and it rubs off on the others."

As PHS fights to keep at the .500 mark with the state tournament cut-off fast approaching, Jones believes her team has what it takes to make its second straight state tourney.

"We know we have the talent," asserted Jones, whose club plays at the Lawrenceville School on May 6. "It's really about the mental connection and trusting each other. The synchronization and going for the ball, no matter what."

When we bring that to the game, we can come out as winners."

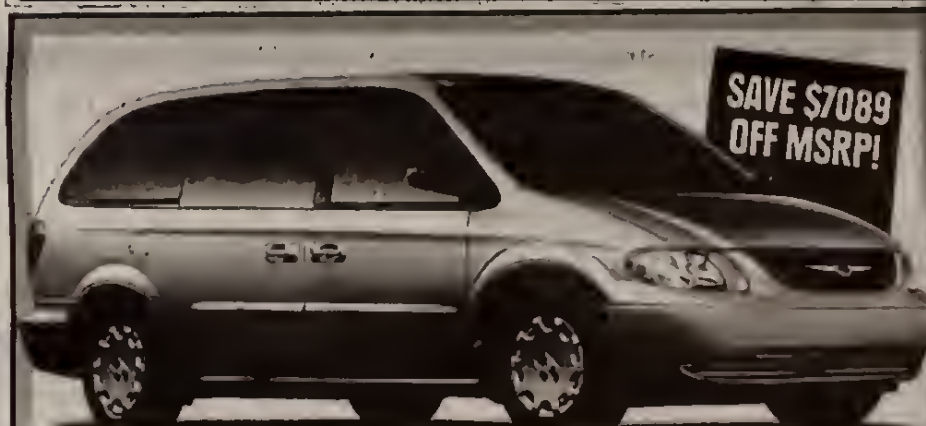
In Finnell's view, the key to establishing that connection will come down to fun. "Some days we're on, some days we're off," admitted Finnell. "Hopefully we'll be on in the next couple of games."

"We just have to keep up the intensity and the enthusiasm."

—Bill Alden

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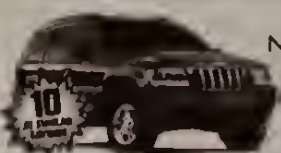
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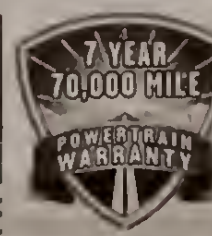
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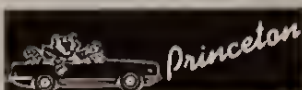
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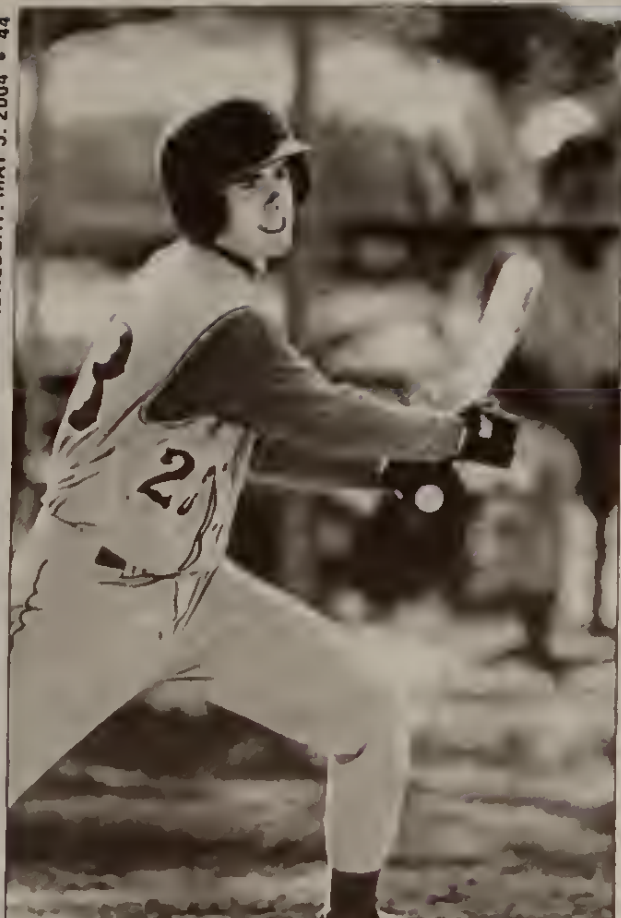


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FOLLOWING THROUGH: Princeton High catcher Alex Dralme takes a cut on his way to a two-hit day in PHS' recent loss to Ewing. PHS, now 1-10, will look to pick up some wins as it plays at WW/P-N on May 5, hosts Trenton on May 7, and then plays at Allentown on May 10.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

PHS Baseball Enduring Growth Pains As It Goes Through Rebuilding Phase

John Miranda knows what it takes to turn a struggling high school baseball program into a winner.

In the mid-1990s, Miranda took the helm of a cellar-dwelling Princeton High squad and had the team in the state playoffs by the spring of 2001.

Miranda, who took a two-season hiatus from the program at that point to serve in the Marines in the Middle East conflict, is experiencing déjà vu this spring in his return to PHS.

Taking over a team that won just two games in 2003, Miranda has seen the current edition of the Little Tigers struggle out of the gate to a 1-10 start.

Knowing he can't transform the program into a winner overnight, Miranda is keeping a cool head as he guides his charges through the necessary growing pains that come with the rebuilding process.

"These are the tough times of the process," said Miranda. "We just need to continue to teach and put the right people in the right spots. We need to get more fundamentally sound in catching and throwing the ball. I think we are heading in the right direction. I think the players see the progress."

Miranda believes several players have made good progress individually this spring.

"Doug Austin has had an excellent year offensively and defensively," said Miranda of his senior co-captain whose batting average has hovered around the .350 mark. "I would say he has been our

best player. Kevin Peterson and Robby Begin have also done well with the bat. Those three are the meat of our offense."

Miranda, who is in his seventh season guiding the Little Tigers, has also been happy with the efforts of his mound corps.

"We have gotten some good pitching," said Miranda, citing the efforts of staff ace Jake Horan and Jon Lauri, who went the distance with nine strikeouts in a 3-1 loss to Hightstown last Thursday.

"We've had some tough losses. We've lost a couple in extra innings and we've had games that were close until we had a bad late inning."

While Miranda may have some issues at times with his team's failure to play fundamentally sound baseball, he has no qualms with how his veteran players such as Austin, Peterson, and Zach Stern have responded attitude-wise in the face of disappointing results.

"The seniors have really stepped up in terms of charac-

ter," said Miranda, who hopes that his club can pick up some wins as it plays at WW/P-N on May 5, hosts Trenton on May 7, and then plays at Allentown on May 10.

"They have come to practice and have worked hard. They're doing a nice job of leading the team. It says a lot about their character."

If that kind of approach rubs off on the underclassmen, Miranda may have laid the foundation this spring for another successful turnaround story.

—Bill Alden



MAKING HIS PITCH: Princeton High senior Kevin Peterson uncorks a pitch in the Little Tigers' 14-4 loss to Ewing last Wednesday. Peterson has been a bright spot in a difficult spring which has seen PHS get off to a 1-10 start.

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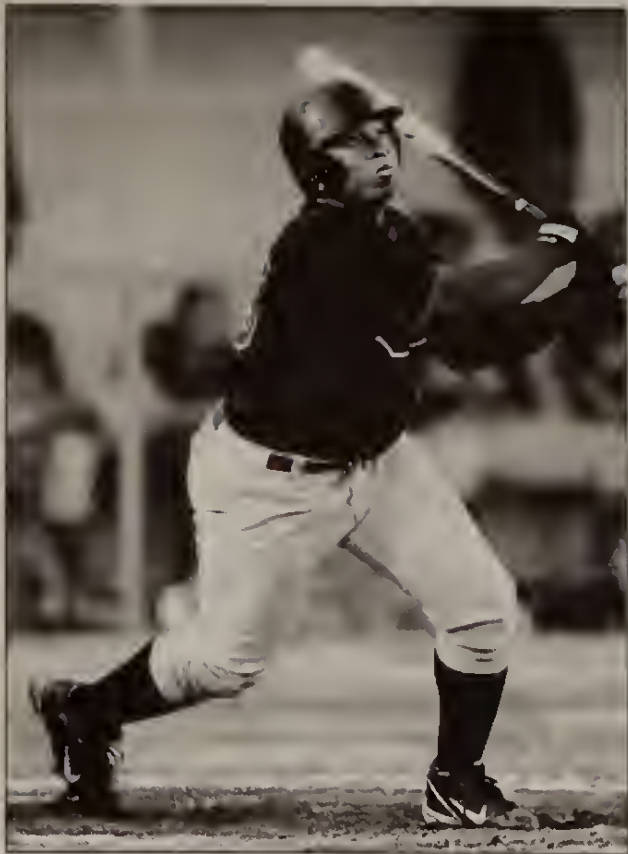
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LORD WELLINGTON: Hun School junior outfielder Wellington Talkpa strokes the ball in Hun's 9-8 win over Mercersburg last Wednesday. Hun, now 6-4, plays in the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) tournament this weekend.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Hun Baseball Working on Focus As it Heads Into Home Stretch

Having lost two straight games coming into last Wednesday's game with visiting Mercersburg Academy, the Hun School baseball team hit the field determined to get back on the right track.

The Raiders jumped out to a 7-2 lead but, hurt by some shoddy defense, Hun let Mercersburg back into the contest and headed into its last at-bat with the game knotted at 8-8.

Facing the possibility of seeing its season head south, Hun rallied and won the game on a bases-loaded single by Gene Pavitt.

In reflecting on his team's 9-8 win, Hun head coach Bill McQuade acknowledged that his team had dodged a major bullet.

"We needed that win," asserted McQuade. "I told them afterwards that it could've been devastating if we had blown that lead. We could've gone into a real tailspin."

Still, the Raiders' narrow escape highlighted the problems the squad has had at times with producing fundamentally sound play.

huddle up after each inning and keeping focus is what we often talk about. So we're working on that but the pressure of the game can cause those things to happen."

The Raiders are striving to achieve an overall rhythm. "What we're working on is developing some kind of consistency," said McQuade, whose club fell to 6-4 after losing 11-1 to powerful Steinert last Saturday. "On any given day, we can play with anyone. But we've also disintegrated at times."

Ironically, the consistent dominance of junior pitching ace Steve Garrison has proved to be a double-edged sword for Hun.

"When Stevie is on the mound, we rise to the occasion," explained McQuade of his star hurler who has a glittering 14-3 career record in his three seasons at Hun. "We need to do that when other people pitch. We need to have that same attitude every game."

McQuade believes his charges possess the right mindset to accomplish that goal. "The kids have an unbelievable attitude," said McQuade. "They want to be successful. They feel that they

looking for anything fancy from his charges.

"All we ask is that they focus on giving us everything they have," said McQuade, whose club plays in the MAPL. With Hun facing a crucial stretch of its season with the already pulled off some wins Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) tournament and the need to let the chips fall Mercer County toumey both where they may."

—Bill Alden



BRINGING THE HEAT: Hun School junior Gene Pavitt fires a pitch in a relief performance last Wednesday in Hun's 9-8 win over Mercersburg. Pavitt drove in the winning run for Hun in the contest with a bases-loaded single in the bottom of the seventh inning.

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Sanford Clicks When it Counts Most As PDS Boys' Lax Rallies to Nip PHS

Laddie Sanford and his teammates on the Princeton Day School boys' lacrosse team hit the field with plenty of emotion last Friday as they hosted crosstown rival Princeton High.

Having been trounced 15-4 by PHS last season and mired in a three-game losing streak, the Panthers were ready to battle.

"We were inspired to play, we wanted to go hard today," said senior attacker Sanford. "It was bad last year. We wanted to come out and show them something. We knew we had a better team than last year. We've been getting tired of getting tossed around the field by them the past few years."

But having trouble harnessing its emotion and hurt by some sloppy ballhandling, PDS fell behind the Little Tigers 4-2.

Then late in the second quarter, the Panthers' intensity level hit new heights as they lost midfielder Stevie Adams, who was carted off the field in a stretcher and rushed away in an ambulance after suffering a severe rib injury.

After a half-hour break due to Adams' injury, the Panthers huddled together and chanted "Do it for Stevie."

PDS surrendered an early

second half goal and then reeled off a 5-1 run to earn a sweet 7-6 triumph that triggered a raucous celebration punctuated with hugging and screaming.

Sanford led the way for the Panthers with five goals, including two fourth quarter tallies that provided the margin of victory.

"We came out pretty sloppy in the first half," said Sanford as he reflected on the victory. "Then when Stevie went down that motivated us even more. We knew we had opportunities. We could beat guys and pass to open guys on their slides."

Some of those opportunities came Sanford's way and he wasn't about to pass them up. "I got the ball in the crease and I was just able to put it away," said Sanford, who has scored a team-high 25 goals for PDS this spring. "We knew we had to get some big goals with the game coming down to the wire like that."

PDS head coach Peter Higgins wasn't surprised that Sanford took advantage of the chances that came his way when it counted most. "Laddie is Laddie. It always takes him a little time to start clicking," said Higgins with a chuckle.

"Once he clicks, he gets big goals. Those two in the fourth quarter were huge. He knows

he can finish. He's been working hard on that."

Higgins also got good work from goalie Oliver Burton, who recorded 16 saves against PHS, including several that were of the point-blank variety.

"Ollie came up big and made some great saves," said Higgins of his netminder who converted from defense to fill the hole left by the graduation of star goalie Kenny Miller. "He's really just been a lifesaver for us."

The Panthers will need all the help they can get as they head into the upcoming state Prep B tournament.

"We're always the underdog," maintained Higgins, whose squad improved to 6-4 with the win over PHS and will play at Ranney on May 5 and at Manasquan on May 7. "We're always about trying to give four quarters of fight. We're trying to get to the state final this year."

Sanford, for his part, believes that the fight the Panthers showed Friday bodes well for their post-season chances.

"It's a real confidence booster to get back on the winning side, especially in a tough game like this," asserted Sanford.

"We knew it was going to be a battle from the beginning. We have the preps coming up soon, so we just want to get some momentum coming down the stretch."

If the Panthers can duplicate the fire they showed last Friday, they could make things tough for their foes in the state tourney.

—Bill Alden



LIFESAVER: Princeton Day School goalie Oliver Burton prepares to deal with a Hun shot in the PDS' recent loss to the Raiders. Last Friday, Burton, a converted defender, came up big with 16 saves to help PDS edge crosstown rival Princeton High 7-6.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



SHARPSHOOTER: Princeton Day School star attacker Laddie Sanford fires in a goal in the Panthers' 9-3 win over Newark Academy earlier this spring. Last Friday, Sanford, the Panthers' top scorer with 25 goals, tallied five goals to lead PDS to a 7-6 win over Princeton High.

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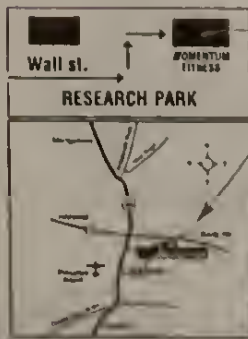
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GROUND CONTROL: Princeton Day School freshman Ali Zindman scoops up a ground ball in the Panthers' 16-3 loss to powerful Oak Knoll last Saturday. PDS, which has won four of its last five games, hosts Lawrence High on May 5 and plays at Notre Dame on May 7 before starting play in the state Prep A tournament.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



BLAIR HOUSE: Princeton Day School senior goalie Susannah Blair readies herself for an Oak Knoll shot in the PDS' 16-3 loss to the undefeated Royals last Saturday. Blair's play in net has been a spark for the 5-5 Panthers.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Rebounding From Slow Start, PDS Girls' Lax Finds a Groove

The Princeton Day School girls' lacrosse team got off to a sluggish start last Thursday against visiting WW/P-S.

Plagued by some sloppy passing and a lack of intensity on groundballs, the Panthers found themselves in a 4-4 tie late in the first half.

While a late 3-1 run gave PDS a bit of cushion at half, the break was reserved for some stern words from head coach Jill Thomas.

The Panthers responded to Thomas' instruction by outscoring the Pirates 4-1 after the half to cruise to a solid 11-6 win.

In the view of PDS star junior forward Meg Kerwin, the team's performance was a microcosm of how the season has gone so far as the Panthers have dug themselves out of a 1-4 hole.

"We came out a little flat in the beginning," said Kerwin, who scored a team-high four goals in the win over WW/P-S.

"I thought the second half was a lot better, we had a lot more intensity. We're a really young team so it has taken us a while to click. We had three or four of our hardest games right in a row at the beginning of the season. I think we've gotten a lot tougher because of that."

Kerwin, who leads the team with 29 goals, has been looking to help the team click by focusing on her passing skills.

"Ms. Thomas has started putting me behind the net," explained Kerwin, who whipped a brilliant pass to Betsy Welsh to set up PDS' eighth goal in the victory Thursday and now has eight assists on the season. "I'm feeding a lot more, I think that's working well, I'm seeing the other girls and we're getting a lot off of that."

Thomas, whose club had won four straight before falling to powerful Oak Knoll last Saturday, acknowledged that she used the halftime break last Thursday to recharge her team's batteries.

"The energy was missing at beginning today," said Thomas. "At half we talked about doing the little things. It was ground balls. It was focusing on the catch. It was playing our game, not theirs. I think we did find the energy."

Thomas said that Kerwin has certainly given the Panthers a spark. "Meg can shoot," said Thomas. "We've asked to also feed. She had some nice passes today. We are starting to get goals from other people like Katie Brody, Ali Zindman, and Betsy Welsh."

Thomas is also getting some good work from her senior goalie Susannah Blair, who yielded just 14 goals in the Panthers' recent four-game winning streak.

"Suz is just playing well,"

said Thomas of her star net-minder. "She's got some great numbers for us."

Thomas believes her young team can keep progressing as it heads into the upcoming state Prep playoffs.

"We started turning the corner in our overtime loss to Peddie," maintained Thomas, whose club hosts Lawrence on May 5 and plays at Notre Dame on May 7 before starting play in the state Prep A tournament.

"That's when we said OK, we can play this game at this level. When you're young, you need that game experience to look sharp. They've got to keep believing and working hard. We have to get out of the gate strong every game, not just some of the time."

Kerwin, for her part, is ready to help the team come out with the right level of intensity. "We don't have that many upperclassmen so the few of us with experience shoot," said Kerwin. "I think the underclassmen are getting a lot better, they're getting the hang of things. I think we are clicking a lot more as a team now."

—Bill Alden

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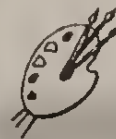
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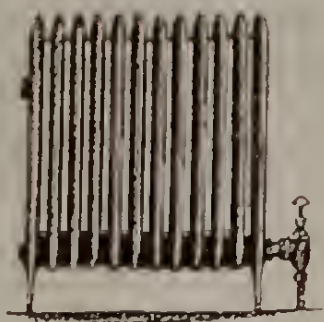
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Rebounding From 3-Game Losing Streak, Stuart Lax Top-Seeded in Prep B Tourney

After winning four of its first five games, the Stuart Country Day School lacrosse team hit a dry spell.

In a one-week period starting on April 20, the Tartans dropped lopsided contests to Lawrenceville (14-2), Peddie (16-4), and Princeton Day School (12-5).

While such a skid could easily shatter a team's confidence, Stuart reacted to the losses by stiffening its resolve.

Getting back on the right track, Stuart dismantled Ewing High 16-1 on April 29 as senior Kelly Fitzpatrick scored two goals and had five assists while freshman Kelly Bruvik fired in five goals.

Last Friday, Stuart clinched its first-ever Patriot Conference title as it cruised past Ranney School 12-1, led by four more goals from Fitzpatrick and a hat trick from the precocious Bruvik. On Monday, Bruvik fired in six to lead the Tartans to an 11-8 win over WW/P-S.

In the view of first-year head coach Sara Wagner, the team's bad week turned out to be a blessing in disguise.

"After the loss to Lawrenceville, we got a little frustrated," recalled Wagner, whose squad is at 7-4, already exceeding its win total for all of 2003 when it posted a 4-9 mark.

"Kelly Fitzpatrick and Carly Williams wanted to win and let their frustration out. I think it helped the whole team take responsibility for its play. It took a little while to see the impact from playing teams like that. It should toughen us up."

The Tartans' recovery from their mini-slump paid dividends last weekend as the squad earned the No. 1 seed in the upcoming state Prep B tourney.

Wagner believes that her squad is peaking at the right time. "I think the girls are real positive right now," added Wagner, who said the recent switch of Meg Henry to offense and Eleanor Hayes-Larson to defense helped key the team's recent surge.

"I think we are developing an overall consistency. We're coming up with more give-

and-go plays and some nice transition play."

In tuning up for the state tourney, the Tartans should stay sharp as they play at Hopewell Valley on May 5, at Notre Dame on May 6, and at Lawrence High on May 7.

"The girls have worked hard to get this seed and they will work hard this week," asserted Wagner, whose team will play the winner of the Pennington School-Ranney match-up in the Prep B semifinals on May 12. "I think they will be ready for states."

—Bill Alden

PHS

Boys' Lacrosse: Unable to contain powerful Lawrenceville, PHS fell 14-3 to the Big Red last Monday. David Mostoller tallied two goals as the Little Tigers dropped to 2-7 on the season. In upcoming action, PHS plays at St. Joe's (Metuchen) on May 5, before

hosting Moorestown on May 8.

Softball: A superb pitching effort by freshman hurler Dylan Zink was not enough as PHS lost 1-0 to WW/P-S last Saturday in a Mercer County Tournament consolation game. Zink scattered five hits as the Little Tigers fell to 5-8 on the season. PHS has road games at WW/P-N on May 5, at Montgomery on May 7, at Allentown on May 10, and at Freehold on May 11.

Boys' Golf: The Little Tigers improved to 8-0 on the spring last Thursday as they edged Hopewell Valley 210-211 in a match played at Hopewell Valley Golf Club. Greg Heisen carded a three-over 39 to help lead PHS to the win. The Little Tigers compete in the Mercer County Tournament on May 5 at Mercer Oaks, face WW/P-N on May 6 at Springdale, and face Trenton on May 11 at Mountain View.

STUART

Track and Field: Stuart cruised to its third straight Patriot Conference championship last Friday. The Tartans piled up 157 points, well ahead of the 77 scored by runner-up Gill St. Bernard's. Individual winners for Stuart included Maya Thompson in the shot put, Angela Harrington in the long jump, and Emily Driscoll in the 3,200. The Tartans will compete in the Mercer County Championships on May 8 at WW/P-N.

PDS

Baseball: Dan O'Brien had a big day as PDS beat Point Pleasant Beach 7-3 last Saturday. O'Brien got the win on the mound and chipped in two RBIs to help his cause as the Panthers improved to 7-4. Other stars for PDS included Drew Godwin, who went 2-for-3 with a homer and three RBIs, and Colin Johnson, who had a 3-for-3 day at the plate. The Panthers play at Pennington School on May 5 before starting play in the state Prep B tournament.

HUN

Softball: Held to four hits, Hun lost 3-1 to Pennington School last Thursday to fall to 7-3 on the season. In upcoming action, the Raiders will compete in the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) tournament on May 8-9 as well as start play in the state Prep A tourney.

Boys' Lacrosse: The high-scoring trio of Alex Green, Matt Loy, and Joe Campanella came up big as Hun swamped Blair 18-4 last Saturday. Green led the way with six goals while Loy had five and Campanella chipped in four as the Raiders improved to 6-3. Hun will host Manasquan on May 5, play at Edison on May 7, and host Mercersburg Academy on May 8.

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from Bis Fries, Hun routed Pennington 22-10 last Friday. Fries fired in eight goals while Tarah Kirman added five as the Raiders improved to 8-2. Hun hosts WW/P-N on May 6 and Mercersburg Academy on May 8.

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Baseball: Brian Mahoney and Nick Francona provided the offensive punch as Lawrenceville whipped WW/P-N 10-1 last Saturday. Mahoney had three hits and four RBIs while Francona had three hits and three RBIs as the Big Red improved to 10-2-1. Lawrenceville plays at Rancocas Valley on May 6 before playing in the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) tourney from May 8-9.

YOUTH

PSA Travel Squad Try-Outs Coming Up

The Princeton Soccer Association (PSA) will be holding tryouts for its 2004 fall travel teams from May 17-June 18. The tryouts, which will be held at the Washington Road fields unless otherwise noted, are free and open to all.

During the week of May 17, tryouts will be held for the following teams: Under-10 boys on May 17 and 19 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.; U-10 girls on May 18 and 20 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.; U-11 boys on May 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-12 girls competitive on May 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-12 boys premier on May 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-13 boys competitive on May 17, 18, and 20 from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.; U-14 girls on May 17 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-14 boys competitive on May 17 and 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-15 girls on May 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

For more information, log onto the PSA website at www.princetonpsa.org or call Juli Anderson at 609-730-9491.

Princeton Girls' Travel Soccer Results

The Princeton Soccer Association's under-12 Princeton Lightning girls' travel team fought to a 0-0 tie against Monroe last Saturday. Emily Ullmann and Grace Rosen combined for the shutout in goal for the Lightning while Amanda Bautista and Dorothy Muldoon played tenacious defense.

The U-10 Princeton Paws had a strong showing against Logan Township on Saturday. Janie Smukler scored for Princeton with Kelsi Smith adding plenty of offensive pressure.

In other action, the U-10 Princeton Pounce played well in two games last Saturday against the Cougar United Stingers. Natalie Bell scored twice on the afternoon with Leila Schochet and Olivia Zocovsky also finding the back of the net. Superb goaltending

was provided by Gaia Adams-Tuck, Kelly Byrne, and Schochet.

Rec Department

Summer Hoops Sign-ups

Registration for the Princeton Recreation Department's youth summer basketball program is currently underway.

The boys' league runs from June 21-July 30 with games played on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings. The girls' league runs from June 22-July 29 with games held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The programs are open to players entering grades 4-9 as of this September.

Sign up can be done online at www.princetonrecreation.com or by filling out forms which are available at the Rec Department office on Wither- spoon Street. For more information on the program, check out the Rec Department's website or call Ben Stentz at 609-921-9480.

Carrier Clinic Holding Golf Event on May 17

The Carrier Clinic's 19th annual charity Golf Classic will take place on May 17 at the Cherry Valley Country Club in Skillman.

The cost per player is \$400.00 and includes a buffet lunch, cocktail hour and dinner in addition to the golf. The event also includes a raffle and two hole-in-one prizes.

All proceeds from the outing go to Carrier Clinic in order to aid the facility's treatment of adolescents and adults who suffer from emotional, mental and/or addictive illnesses. For more information on the event, call the clinic's office of fund development at 908-281-1538.

Princeton Youth Football Holding Registration

Registration for the Princeton Youth Football's 2004 season will be held on May 8 and 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Grover Park baseball field adjacent to the Princeton Shopping Center. The program is open to U-14 boys developmental on players who are 10-14 years old and in grades 5-8 with the 7:45 p.m. and May 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.; U-15 girls on May 18 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

The registration fee is \$70.00 which includes all equipment except cleats. For more information, contact Kevin Manley at coachkm@aol.com, call John Caputo at 609-936-0553, or log onto www.princetonyouthfootball.com.

PSA Travel Soccer With Training Sessions

The Princeton Soccer Association (PSA) is holding open training sessions during the week of May 3-7 for children in grades 2-4 who are interested in trying out for travel soccer.

The sessions will take place at the Washington Road Fields on May 5 and 6 from 4:15-5:35 p.m. and on May 7 from 4:30-6 p.m.

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CLEARING THE BRUSH: Princeton Township Arborist and Open Space Manager Greg O'Neill wowed enthusiastic Riverside School students in the Township's Arbor Day presentation last Friday. Mr. O'Neill taught the students that while some trees need to be removed for construction projects, the Township can often make up for the loss by planting new trees.

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PEOPLE in the News



David McCourt

The American Irish Historical Society has awarded telecommunications entrepreneur and business leader David McCourt its 2004 Gold Medal for lifetime achievements.

Mr. McCourt is a Hopewell resident and chief executive and president of RCN Corp., a company that resulted after Mr. McCourt's Wilkes-Barre, Pa.-based C-TEC Corp. was split into three publicly traded companies.

Mr. McCourt is a board member of several businesses and organizations including Level 3 Communications, CSPAN, and Robert Wood Johnson Medical School of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. In addition to his Hopewell home, where he resides with his wife and two children, Mr. McCourt owns a horse farm in County Clare, Ireland.

Tammy Hersh has been promoted to manager at Amper, Politziner & Mattia, P.C., Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, in the firm's litigation and valuation group. Ms. Hersh specializes in forensic accounting, fraud, matrimonial litigation, business valuations, and commercial litigation. She has earned the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Accredited in Business Valuation designation, and has completed the American Society of Appraisers' four-part course of study required to achieve ASA membership.

Ms. Hersh, of Hopewell, received a B.B.A. in marketing and an MBA in public accounting from Pace University.



Illeana Ojeda

Illeana Ojeda of West Windsor, a senior at Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, has been selected as a National Achievement Scholarship winner. The program is an academic competition established by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation to honor black American high school students. Ms. Ojeda was one of 700 scholarship winners from across the nation.

Schuyler Cunningham

Son of Antoinette and Kevin Cunningham of Princeton and a senior at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, received the school's Charles Stubbs Award during its recent Awards Convocation. The award is given to students preparing for a church vocation who have demonstrated a conspicuous ability in preaching. Students are selected by the faculty of the religion department.

Digital Brand Expressions of Kingston said Justin Mikulka has been promoted to vice president, client services, from director of site optimization programs.

Prior to working at Digital Brand, Mr. Mikulka was senior programs manager of e-marketing at Princeton Partners. Digital Brand specializes in advanced search engine marketing programs.

Marine Corps First Lieutenant Sharon L. Dubow, a 1995 graduate of Notre Dame High School in Lawrenceville, has reported for duty at Marine Corps Recruiting Station New Jersey, Naval Weapon Station Earle, in Colts Neck.

Roberta Taggart has been named to the academic honor roll for the winter term at Northfield Mount Hermon School. Ms. Taggart, of Princeton, is a freshman at the boarding school.



A TEAM OF TWO: Fernando Guerrero shows a form worthy of namesake sluggers Pedro and Vladimir while sister Isabel bashfully backs him up at the Princeton Charter School sports swap.

(Photo by George Vogel)



APRIL SKIER: Winter's only a distant dream at Saturday's sports swap, but Princeton Charter School's Margo Budline is ready for the slopes.

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HIGHLIGHTING LIVES: First graders Madison Kirton and Susannah Marttila are depicted as Venus and Serena Williams, as part of the "Women We Admire Day" at Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart. All the lower school girls, in costume and outfitted with props, explained about the women they admired while visitors made donations. The girls collected \$202 which will go to the American Heart Association.

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Sports Illustrated celebrated its 50th anniversary in the fall of 2003. Any guesses as to which team has the most appearances on the cover? How about which individual? SI published 2,548 issues in that half century, and the team that graced the cover most often was the New York Yankees, with 59. Surprisingly, right behind them in second place was the Los Angeles Lakers with 57. The individual athlete who was the subject of the most covers in SI's first 50 years was Michael Jordan with 49, followed by Muhammad Ali with 37.

The Yankees lead the way in another area as well — player salaries. Entering the 2004 season, George Steinbrenner had a payroll of \$183 million for his players. In Japanese currency, that translates to more than 19 billion yen. How great is the payroll disparity among big league teams? Here's just one example. In a July, 2003 game against Cleveland,

the collective salary of the Yankees' starting lineup was \$82.8 million. The Indians' was \$2.75 million. New York won the game 7-4 to complete a four-game sweep.

If you root for Chicago's professional teams, you'd better be a fan of the football Bears or the basketball Bulls, because the other three teams are studies in championship futility. Entering 2004, in baseball the Cubs hadn't won a World Series since 1908 and the White Sox since 1917, while in hockey the Blackhawks last raised the Stanley Cup in 1961. That's a heartbreaking 224 combined seasons without a title for those three teams. By the way, the Bears won only two championships (1963 and 1986) since 1946. Where would Chicago fans be without Michael Jordan's NBA Bulls and their six titles in the 1990s?

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Esther L. Butler

Esther L. Butler, 81, of Princeton, died April 19 at home.

Born in Goldsboro, N.C., she had lived in Princeton for more than 70 years. She was a graduate of Princeton High School.

She was a retired homemaker and member of the First Baptist Church.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charlie Butler; a brother, Oscar Mitnaul Jr.; and a sister, Gladys Mitnaul. She is survived by a brother, Paul Mitnaul of East Windsor; a sister, Laura Wooten of Lawrence; a special friend, Evelyn Vorhees; and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral service was May 1 at First Baptist Church. Interment was in Princeton Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Hughes Funeral Home, Trenton.

Ruth Kleinberg

Ruth Kleinberg of Princeton died April 30 following a long illness.

A longtime presence in the Princeton Community, she served on the boards of Princeton Laboratories, Deborah Hospital, McCarter Theatre, First National Bank of Princeton, Princeton Commerce Center, and Rujim, Inc.

Funeral services were private.

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Rabbi Myriam Klotz of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, the Kimmel-Spiller Jewish Healing Center, and Elat Chayyim, a retreat center in Accord, N.Y., will lead the program.

A history and overview of Jewish spiritual direction will be presented. The program will also include the study of various spiritual texts and a brief experiential encounter with the practice.

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DENYING DEATH

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QUESTION: I have a friend whose husband is dying. Yet, she won't accept it. Her friends muddy the waters by praying for a "miracle", and she is just not prepared for his death. Is this common? How can I help?

ANSWER: 1. SOCIETY: Yes, it is very common. Our society conceals death and emphasizes youth, and by so doing, denies not only death, but also life. Death, after all, is part of life. Death informs our life, making us aware of its meaning.

2. THE FACT OF DEATH: The purpose of life is not to live forever. You can exercise to the point of becoming a modern Hercules, eat health foods until they are coming out of your ears, get a daily massage & a face lift every five years, and a hundred years from now, you will be dead.

3. THE FEAR OF DEATH: So, why do we avoid talking about death? Because we are scared. Talking to a friend who is dying or their spouse forces us to face our own mortality. People battling cancer have discovered who is "true blue", many friends shying away from them, hiding their own fear with "insanely busy" schedules that make visiting "impossible" or with dismissive statements like, "Don't you look good today!" or "Hang in there. I'm sure it will all work out".

4. THE MEANING OF LIFE:
• To me, the purpose of life is to develop who you are by the choices that you make. You can choose to be kind or cruel, helpful or manipulative, cooperative or controlling, a person blessed with friends or condemned to loneliness. Hence, facing death enables better choices in life.
• As who you become will travel with you to the next life, whereas what possessions you have amassed will not, you see the need to stretch for your friend and her husband who is dying. You do not just say, "I'll be praying for you", you pray with them. Your schedule loosens from the grip of either total avoidance or "the two-minute duty call" to actually doing something: visiting them, bringing a meal, offering to bring them to the doctor's, mowing their lawn, or walking their dog.

5. RELIGION: For those who are religious and believe in an afterlife, their faith can comfort them with the belief that who they have chosen to be will travel from this life to the next, being eternally rewarded or condemned by their lifetime of choices. But most churches and synagogues offer even more than that, encouraging visiting the sick and organizing care for both the dying and their families. And when death occurs, the funeral/memorial service/or sitting shiva provide a way to help you face death and process your feelings.

6. MIRACLES: Can a cure occur? Yes, but not often. And remember, the meaning of life is not to live forever. Occasionally, our belief in the wonders of modern medicine or a miracle from God can not only cloud the reality of death, but also condemn the dying to a miserable one. A person can cling to the hope that they will magically be returned to health, and thus be unwilling to accept what is happening to them and prepare for death.

7. WHAT CAN YOU DO? Be present in a caring way. Offer help instead of waiting to be asked. Talk in an honest and realistic way if the person lets you. Be patient with your friend after her husband dies. Realize that a difficult stage of mourning starts when the funeral ends, and that grief is not on a timer, tears coming with each holiday, birthday or anniversary.

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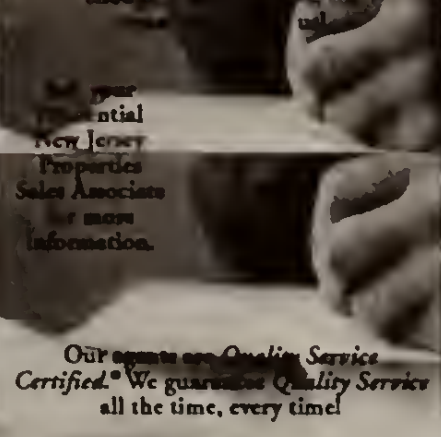
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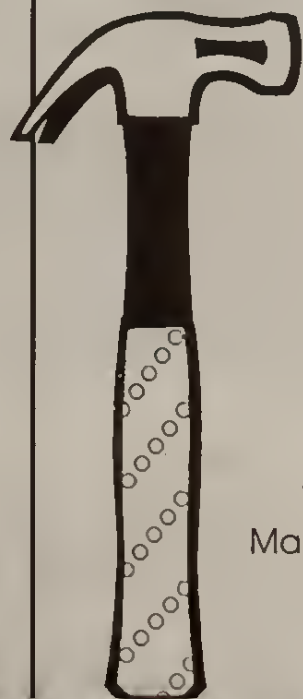
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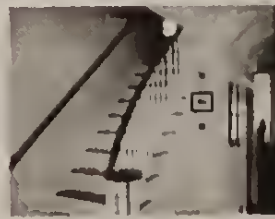
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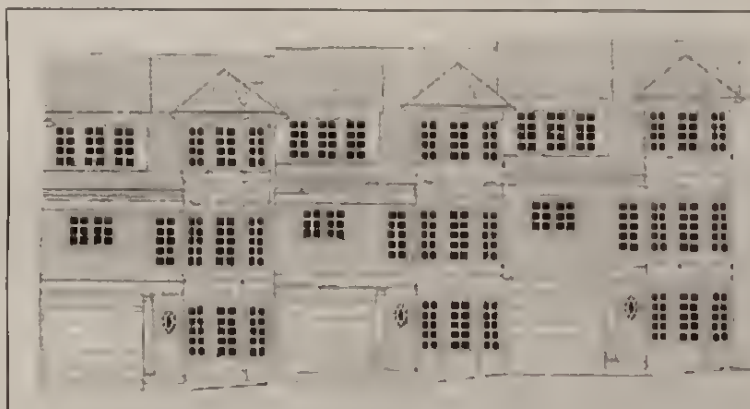


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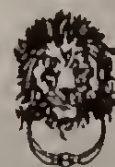
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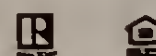
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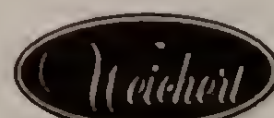
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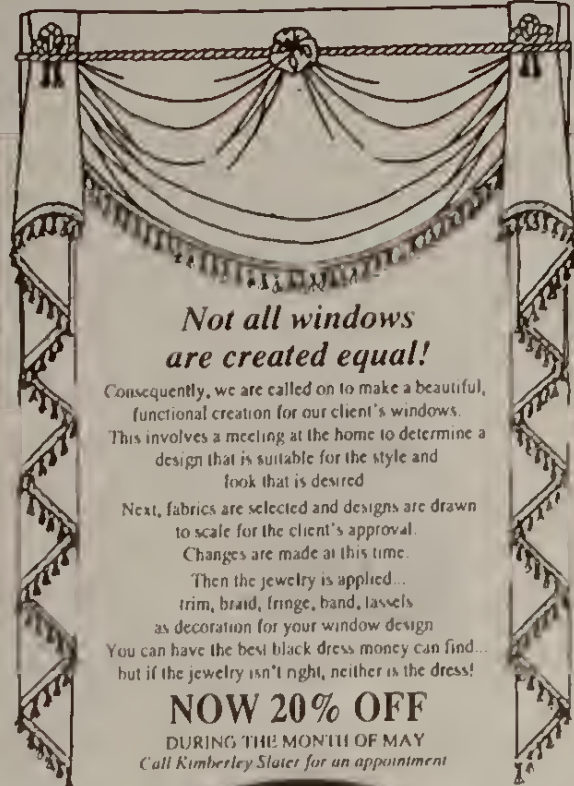
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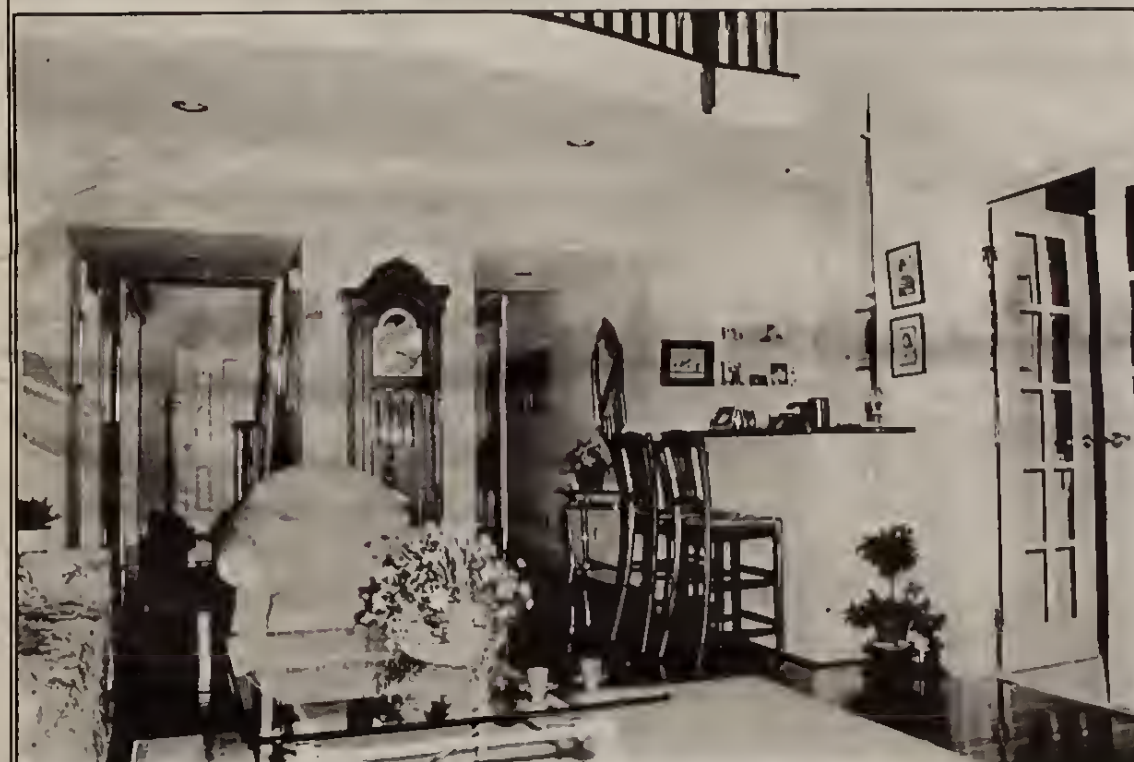
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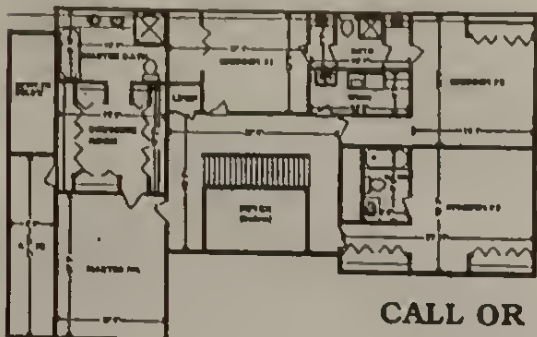
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The house itself is a specimen. A wide two story foyer with a wall of windows allows an abundance of natural light. The traditional floor plan include well proportioned formal living and dining rooms, a large eat-in kitchen opens to the adjoining family room with wide hearth fireplace, a mudroom and a powder room all on the first floor. Upstairs is 620 square foot master suite, with a private balcony looking towards the lake, two other generously sized bedrooms share a Jack & Jill bath, while a third bedroom has a full bath en suite.

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